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Leahy to Push Aide Testimony

Dem plans to subpoena Bush officials over attorney firings

WASHINGTON | The Senate Judiciary Committee chairman said Sunday he intends to subpoena White House officials involved in ousting federal prosecutors and is dismissing anything short of their testimony in public.

The White House was expected to announce early this week whether it will let political strategist Karl Rove, former White House counsel Harriet Miers and other officials testify or whether it will seek to assert executive privilege in preventing their appearance.

The chairman, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., last week delayed a vote on the subpoenas until Thursday as the president's counsel, Fred Fielding, sought to negotiate terms. But on Sunday, Leahy said he had not met Fielding nor was he particularly open to any compromises, such as a private briefing by the administration officials.

"I want testimony under oath. I am sick and tired of getting half-truths on this," Leahy said on ABC's "This Week."

Leahy

White House spokeswoman Emily Lawrimore declined to comment Sunday as to whether Rove and Miers would testify. Fielding was taking additional time to review the matter "given the importance of the issues under consideration and the presidential principles involved," she said. HOPE YEN (AP)

Protests Mount Ahead of War Anniversary

SHIHO FUKADA/AP

ON THE MARCH: Demonstrators march during an anti-war protest in New York City on Sunday, one day before the fourth anniversary of the start of the Iraq war. On Saturday, thousands rallied on the National Mall against the ongoing fighting. ❖ **Casualties:** Sunni insurgents kill six U.S. troops | **Page 6**

PRACTICE | **Fast Learner** A West Mercia, England, police officer who was arrested for driving 160 mph while off duty has had his conviction overturned after convincing the court he was practicing his high-speed driving skills, the (London) Times reported.

Mark Milton told the court that, because he was trained in high-speed driving, he was not driving dangerously when violating the speed limit. Prosecutors had argued that gauging the driver's skill at driving fast was irrelevant to the violation. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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Law and Odor

If all goes according to plan, people in Ahmadabad, India, should find themselves confronted by rose or tangy lemon scents by the end of the year when they are stopped by police. The police department is working with designers to provide 8,000 officers with uniforms made with specially scented, lightweight fabric designed to keep the police officers sweet smelling and sweat free. "We think that by end of the year, you will notice a new fresh look when you are intercepted by one of our men," said J. Mahapatra, the city's police commissioner. (AP)

TRASH

Score One for Indistinctive Art

A London art storage company owes almost $700,000 to an art collector after thowing one of his works out with the trash, the Daily Telegraph (U.K.) reported. "Hole and Vessel II," by Anish Kapoor — owned by collector Ofir Scheps — was mistakenly discarded with the trash. The company, Fine Arts Logistics, argued that it owed Scheps only $1,000. However, the judge set the value of the piece at about $700,000. Scheps paid $40,000 for it in 2004 and was planning to have it restored. (EXPRESS)

GOH CHAI HIN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

UNEMPLOYMENT

Street Bender

City dwellers in China should take note of these two out-of-work acrobatic performers who displayed their stunts on a Beijing street Wednesday. China will face huge job pressures this year, with 12 million urbanites expected to be out of work and rural workers crowding into cities, said Tian Chengping, the nation's top job official. So, residents of China may want to start practicing yoga in their spare time. Or they can take their chances with the rest of the estimated 24 million people entering China's job market in 2007. (EXPRESS)

"I was speeding home to take a bus to the store in time to get a bus to school."

TRANSPORTATION

New Sentence: Take Taxis Everywhere

A Valparaiso, Ind., teenager driving 93 mph in a 45 mph zone told police he had to get home to catch the school bus. A judge had sentenced Ryan Henry to ride the bus to school after an earlier speeding conviction, and Henry said he was rushing home after going to buy a drink, officials said. Henry had accelerated after passing a marked squad car, then turned into a driveway and shut off his car lights, police said. (AP)

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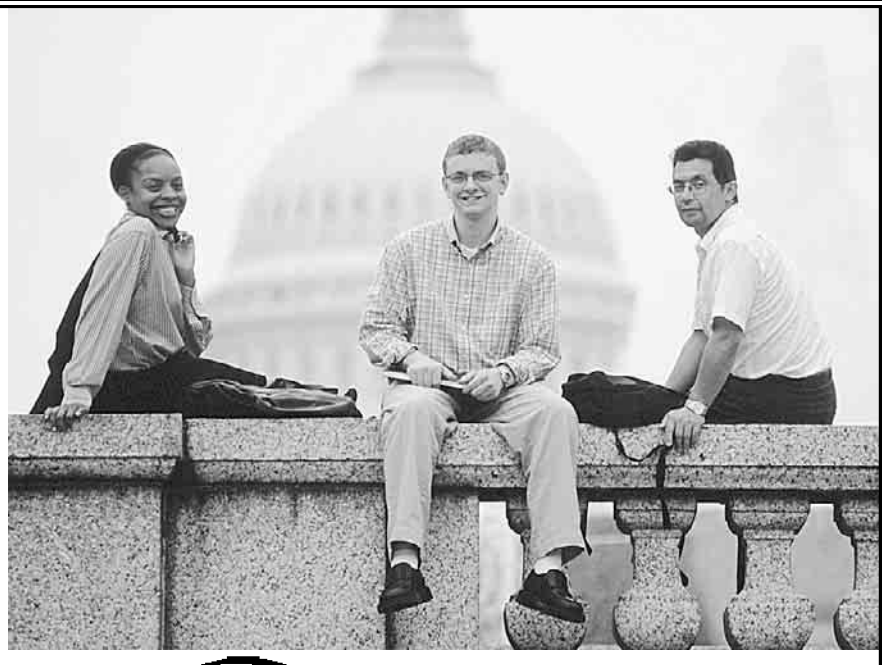

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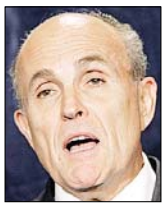
NO SPIRIT: Merlot can be a variety of grape or a type of wine, but not a license plate in Utah. A Salt Lake City man has been ordered to remove his personalized car license plate, which reads "merlot," because the state doesn't allow intoxicants on vanity plates.

Giuliani Defends Law Firm

Presidential candidate says Citgo dealings helped save U.S. jobs

TAMPA, FLORIDA | Republican presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani on Sunday defended his law firm's role in representing Citgo Petroleum Corp., which is ultimately controlled by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, saying it was helping protect American jobs.



Giuliani

Giuliani acknowledged though, that his opponents will try to exploit the news that a lawyer with Bracewell & Giuliani in Houston has been representing Citgo before the Texas Legislature. The firm has had a contract with Citgo since before Giuliani joined it.

"Oh, they'll exploit everything," Giuliani said in an interview. "There are things that make sense and things that don't make sense and that doesn't make any sense. It was one of those political attacks where you have nothing to do with it, you're not involved in it and so it doesn't really worry you very much. What they're doing is lawful and honorable and helping to protect jobs for more than 100,000 Americans." (AP)

N.Y.C. Tops off Weekend Protests

Demonstrators across the country mark 4th Iraq war anniversary

NEW YORK | Hundreds of protesters calling for the end of funding for the Iraq war or the immediate return of U.S. troops marched Sunday and converged on a park near the United Nations headquarters.

Labor union members, representatives of the Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow-PUSH Coalition, war veterans and others joined the demonstration, one of several staged during the weekend across the country to mark the fourth anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

The crowd of a few hundred protesters grew as the procession, which stretched for several blocks, moved on.

Actor Tim Robbins, among the speakers at the rally, organized by the New York chapter of United for Peace and Justice, told the crowd that getting Congress to cut off funds for the war "would be a good way" to get the troops home.

MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

Members of Iraq Veterans Against the War participate in an anti-war demonstration Sunday in New York City to mark the fourth anniversary of the war in Iraq.

"The American people want this war to end," Robbins said. "That's the message they sent last November in the election. When are we going to start listening to them?"

Police lined sidewalks and some walked ahead of the protesters as they marched to the offices of Sens. Charles Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Demonstrators carried signs reading "Impeach Bush," and "Not one more dollar, not one more death."

No counter-demonstrators were visibly present, as they had been at a larger anti-war rally in Washington on Saturday.

Police offered no crowd estimate in New York, but it appeared to be well more than 1,000 people and possibly up to 2,000.

President Bush was at the presidential retreat in Camp David, Md., for the weekend. Spokesman Blair Jones said of the protests: "Our Constitution guarantees the right to peacefully express one's views. The men and women in our military are fighting to bring the people of Iraq the same rights and freedoms."

Saturday's demonstrations drew thousands of war opponents to the Pentagon, crossing the Potomac River from the Lincoln Memorial to rally loudly but peacefully. Thousands more gathered in cities including Los Angeles; San Francisco; Fayetteville, N.C.; and Hartford, Conn. (AP)

HEARSAY | IRAQ

"If we do a premature withdrawal, then what we have is a situation where the Iraqi forces cannot handle the situation, which is the case now."

—**STEPHEN HADLEY, NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER,** CRITICIZING A DEMOCRATIC PROPOSAL IN THE HOUSE THAT SETS SEPT. 1, 2008, AS THE DEADLINE FOR WITHDRAWING U.S. TROOPS FROM IRAQ.

Teacher Gets 10 Years for Pupil Sex

WILMINGTON, DEL. | A sixth-grade science teacher who was accused of having sex with a 13-year-old student has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Rachel L. Holt, 35, had pleaded guilty to second-degree rape. She sobbed in court Friday as Superior Court Judge Calvin L. Scott gave her the minimum sentence. Prosecutors had wanted Scott to sentence Holt to the maximum of 25 years.

Police accused her of having sex with the boy 28 times during an intense weeklong affair. She was also accused of plying the boy with alcohol and allowing him to drive her car. (AP)

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A three-year bureaucratic battle over a contract led to staff shortages at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

Contract Delay Hurt Staff

Outsourcing fight left needed repairs at Walter Reed undone

WASHINGTON | An Army contract to privatize maintenance at Walter Reed Army Medical Center was delayed more than three years amid bureaucratic bickering and legal squabbles that led to staff shortages and a hospital in disarray just as the number of wounded soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan was rising rapidly.

Documents from the investigative and auditing arm of Congress map a trail of bids, rebids, protests and appeals between 2003, when Walter Reed was first selected for outsourcing, and 2006, when a five-year, $120 million contract was finally awarded.

The disputes involved hospital management, the Pentagon, Congress and IAP Worldwide Services Inc., a company with powerful political connections and the only private bidder to handle maintenance, security, public works and management of military personnel.

While medical care was not directly affected, needed repairs went undone as the staff shrank from almost 300 to less than 50 in the last year and hospital officials were unable to find enough skilled replacements.

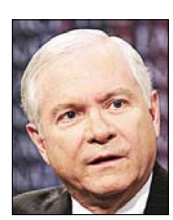
IAP is owned by a New York hedge fund whose board is chaired by former Treasury Secretary John Snow, and it is led by former executives of Kellogg, Brown and Root, the subsidiary spun off by Texas-based Halliburton Inc., the oil services firm once run by Vice President Dick Cheney.

"The Army, unfortunately, did not devote sufficient resources to the upfront planning part of this, and when you do that, you suffer every step of the way," said Paul Denett, administrator for federal procurement policy at the Office of Management and Budget, the unit that prepares the president's budget and oversees government contracts. DONNA BORAK (AP)

Gates Declines to Discuss Apology

Secretary doesn't plan to have Pace take more action on gay remark

WASHINGTON | Defense Secretary Robert Gates declined to say Sunday whether the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff should apologize for his remark that homosexual acts were immoral or whether it was a slur on gay members of the armed forces.



Gates

Marine Gen. Peter Pace made the remark last Monday in an interview with the Chicago Tribune. The next day, following criticism from several lawmakers and gay rights groups, Pace said he regretted having stated a personal opinion but did not apologize for it.

"I think General Pace has made pretty clear that he wished he had avoided his personal opinion," Gates said on "Face the Nation" on CBS. The secretary said he did not plan to ask Pace to do anything more in regard to the remark. (AP)

Nation

Bush Threatening Series of Vetoes

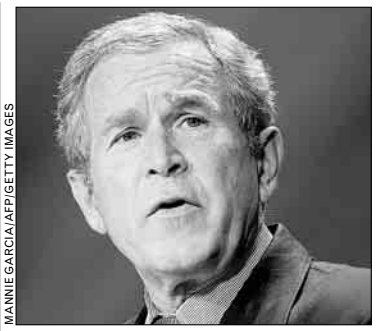
White House ready to reject a slew of bills pushed by Democrats

WASHINGTON | The president with the fewest vetoes in more than a century, George W. Bush, is poised to make up for lost time as congressional Democrats move legislation the White House says is unacceptable.

In the past week alone, the White House threatened to veto House bills dealing with presidential records and protection for whistleblowers, and a defeated Senate bill that would have set a deadline for withdrawal from Iraq.

The White House also warned that a war-spending bill the House will take up this coming week would face a veto because it contains Iraq withdrawal language.

Since Democrats took over Congress in January, the White House has put out 22 position papers about major bills before Congress; of these, nine contain veto threats aimed at the bills or provisions in them.



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President Bush has vetoed only one bill during his time in the White House.

In all of 2006, when Republicans ran Capitol Hill, the White House issued only seven veto threats. Bush has vetoed only one bill during his presidency.

Bush's veto record is the cleanest since the veto-less presidency of James A. Garfield, who was shot four months after he took office in 1881. JIM ABRAMS (AP)

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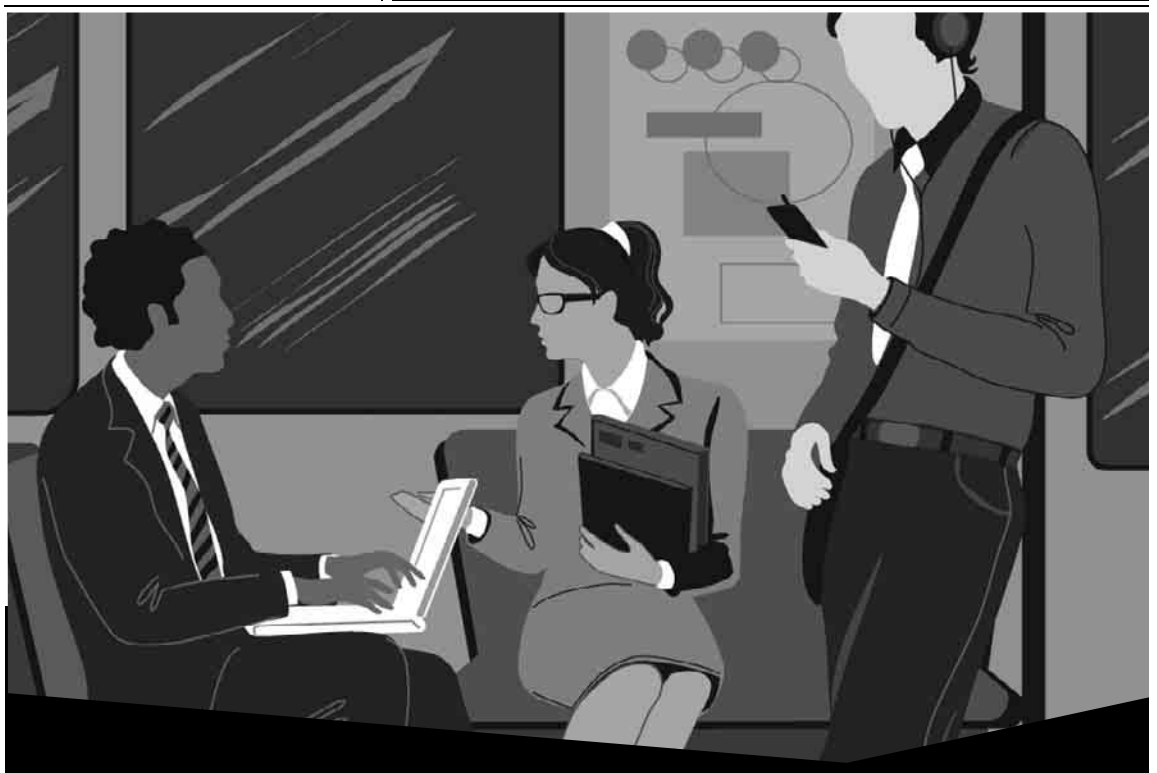

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World

ROYAL BABE: Prince Charles' wife, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, is to become a grandmother later this year, a British newspaper reported Sunday. Sara Buys, who is married to Camilla's son Tom Parker Bowles, is expecting the couple's first child in September.

6 U.S. Troops Killed in Iraq Attacks

Insurgency maintains resilience as invasion reaches four-year mark

BAGHDAD | Sunni insurgents, resilient despite the five-week security crackdown in the capital, killed at least six more U.S. troops over the weekend. A Sunni car bomber hit a largely Shiite district in the capital Sunday, killing at least eight people.

The American military said four U.S. soldiers died and one was wounded when the unit was struck by a roadside bomb in western Baghdad. During the ongoing security sweep in the capital and surrounding regions, the battalion had found eight weapons caches and two roadside bombs and helped rescue a kidnap victim, the military said.

A fifth soldier was killed in an explosion in Diyala, an increasingly volatile province just northeast of the capital. A Marine died in fighting the same day in Anbar province, the vast, largely desert region that sprawls west of Baghdad to the Saudi Arabian, Jordanian and Syrian borders. The regions are controlled by the Sunni insurgency.

All of the U.S. victims were killed on Saturday, the military said in a series of statements that also reported that a seventh soldier died from non-combat injuries but gave no other details. While U.S. and Iraqi troops have flooded the Baghdad streets and a heavily armored American column was sent to Diyala province, attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces have been robust.

The latest deaths raised the American military death toll in Iraq to 3,217 since the war began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

DAVID FURST/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

TAKING COVER: U.S. soldiers run for their trucks after a bomb exploded near their patrol route in southern Baghdad Sunday.

Pushed to the Limit?

➜ Four years after the invasion of Iraq, the demand for troops there and in Afghanistan has left U.S. ground forces short on the training, personnel and equipment vital to fight a major ground conflict elsewhere, officials say. | **Today, A1**

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Across Iraq, at least 20 people died Sunday, a sign that violence continued to abate as U.S. and Iraqi forces press ahead with what many view as a last-chance bid to quell the sectarian violence in Baghdad and central regions of the country.

U.S. military spokesman Rear Adm. Mark Fox, meanwhile, blamed al-Qaeda in Iraq for chlorine bomb attacks that struck villagers in Anbar province earlier this week but said tight Iraqi security measures prevented a higher number of casualties. STEVEN R. HURST (AP)

In Brief

ELIZABETH DALZIEL/AP

U.S. envoy Christopher Hill discusses the North Korea talks in Beijing Sunday.

BEIJING

U.S. Envoy: Progress Made On N. Korea Finance Dispute

The top American nuclear envoy said Sunday that he believed North Korea and the U.S. had "gotten past" a dispute over $25 million in frozen North Korean funds, and the communist nation was moving toward nuclear disarmament. Christopher Hill, the American envoy, said he met with North Korean representatives on Saturday and Sunday to explain the U.S. position on the funds held in Macau's Banco Delta Asia bank, and was hopeful that the issue had been resolved. (AP)

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Italian Fugitive Wanted for '70s Murders Is Arrested

Leftist fugitive Cesare Battisti, who reinvented himself as a writer in France while wanted in Italy for two 1970s murders, lost his freedom Sunday in a three-nation operation that ended in his arrest near Brazil's famed Copacabana beach. Extradition proceedings were immediately set in motion, a police spokesman said. Brazil's Supreme Court was to analyze the request for extradition, most likely to Italy. (AP)

HELSINKI, FINLAND

Center Party Claims Slim Win in Parliamentary Poll

The governing Center Party won Finland's parliamentary election by a razor-thin margin Sunday but the main opposition Conservatives made strong gains to claim a possible spot in the next ruling coalition. The left-leaning Social Democrats, currently the Center Party's main coalition partner, were the big losers and could end up in opposition for the first time since 1995. (AP)

Zimbabwe Aide Allegedly Beaten

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA | The spokesman for Zimbabwe's main opposition leader was assaulted by security forces as he tried to leave the country for meetings in Europe Sunday, an opposition official said, accusing the government of continuing to target dissident activists.

President Robert Mugabe's government is under increasing criticism for its treatment of the country's opposition. Nelson Chamisa, an aide to Movement for Democratic Change leader Morgan Tsvangirai, was beaten at the airport Sunday, the party's secretary-general, Tendai Biti, said. (AP)

Israeli PM Rejects New Peace Talks

Olmert takes hard line on a new Palestinian Fatah-Hamas coalition

JERUSALEM | Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Sunday peace talks with the Palestinian coalition government would be impossible as long as it refuses to renounce violence and recognize Israel's right to exist.

The Israeli Cabinet endorsed Olmert's hard line, urging the West to maintain harsh economic sanctions imposed with last year's election of the militant Islamic Hamas. Palestinians had hoped the new alliance between the moderate Fatah and Hamas would lead Israel and Western countries to lift the sanctions, urging the international community to give their new government a chance.

Olmert

"We can't have contact with members of a government that justifies resistance, or, in other words, terror," Olmert said, according to meeting participants.

Palestinian officials urged Israel to reconsider. "This statement continues the long-standing Israeli policy that says there is no Palestinian partner for peace," said Azzam al-Ahmed of Fatah, the new deputy prime minister. "Israel doesn't want to revive the peace process."

The new Palestinian platform appears to soften Hamas' militant stance. Though it refers to resistance "in all forms" to Israeli occupation, it also calls for consolidating and expanding a truce with Israel.

Olmert said he would maintain contacts with the moderate Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah. But he said any talks would be limited to humanitarian issues.

JOSEF FEDERMAN (AP)

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World

CROSS THAT BRIDGE: Downtown traffic in Australia's largest city came to a near-standstill Sunday while a crowd marched across the landmark Sydney Harbor Bridge to celebrate 75 years since it was completed. The steel and sandstone structure was the world's longest single-span bridge when it was opened in 1932.

EU Faces an Image Crisis at Age 50

Birthday preparations dampened by tough tasks ahead for union

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | As a law student in Lisbon in the 1960s, Jose Manuel Barroso passed around an illicit copy of "Je t'aime, Moi non plus" a heavy-breathing French tune that Portugal's fascist dictator had banned as too racy.

"I could not buy the books I wanted. Or listen to the music I liked," said Barroso, today the European Union's top executive. "My generation saw Europe as ... a destination for those who wanted freedom and democracy."

In 50 years of the European Union, former dictatorships like Barroso's Portugal, and more recently former communist lands such as Romania and Bulgaria, have joined the fold. Yet as Europeans prepare to mark the EU's half-century birthday this month in Berlin, across the region many people are looking ahead with fear.

AXEL SCHMIDT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

NEW DAY: European Commission chief Jose Manuel Barroso, left, talks with German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Germany will host a key EU summit later this month.

They feel angst about globalization, struggle to integrate millions of mostly Muslim immigrants, and grope for direction as the EU's grand dreams of adopting a constitution that would formalize and deepen the union lie in tatters.

At their March 24-25 summit to mark the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome that launched Europe's common market, EU leaders are to issue a declaration they hope will reignite enthusiasm for the European project — notably by reviving prospects for a constitution.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the summit's host, faces a formidable task persuading fellow leaders that the charter was not killed off when the French and Dutch rejected it in referendums in 2005.

Yet many believe the handwringing over the charter is merely a symptom of a deeper malaise affecting the EU that is preventing it from adapting to fresh challenges — in particular the rise of China and India as global powers.

"The European Union is going through a crisis," said Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, adding that the French and Dutch "no" votes "did not cause this crisis, but simply made it more visible." ROBERT WIELAARD (AP)

Deadly Attack On Islamic School Triggers Protest

SABAYOI, THAILAND | Attackers hurled explosives and opened fire on an Islamic school in southern Thailand, killing three students and sparking a riot by angry Muslim villagers, officials said Sunday.

Shortly after the attack, three Buddhists were fatally shot in the same district, raising fears that a festering insurgency could erupt into open combat between the Muslim and Buddhist communities.

The Bamrungsart Pondok boarding school was attacked Saturday evening as 75 boys were sleeping. An estimated 500 protesters gathered outside the school Sunday, carrying the dead children's bodies and setting fire to two buildings at a nearby government-owned school.

Thammasak said police believe Muslim insurgents staged the school attack in an attempt to convince villagers that authorities were responsible and win them over to the insurgents' cause. (AP)

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World

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Two men run to board a large bus known as a "camello" at a bus stop in front of the capitol building in Havana, Cuba. The vehicles can pack in some 200 passengers.

Cuban Commuting A Daily Challenge

Unpredictable buses, hitchhiking part and parcel of getting about

HAVANA | Laura Garcia doesn't have a car and the change in her pocket won't cover a 15-cent bus fare. But standing by a crumbling overpass, sweating in her shorts, sunglasses and skimpy top, the 18-year-old says a free ride is only an outstretched thumb away.

"People will take you. You can always find drivers to help," said Garcia, who studies law in Havana and was going to see her parents in Pinar del Rio, a 90-minute ride west.

Hitchhiking is a way of life in communist Cuba, where cars are scarce, a gallon of gas costs a third of a civil servant's monthly salary, and public transportation is unreliable and overcrowded. Lately things have worsened, with even acting President Raul Castro admitting in December that public transport was "practically on the point of collapse."

Last year, the government announced the purchase of 7,000 buses from China, and hundreds more buses are said to be on the way since Castro took power from his ailing brother Fidel in July.

Meanwhile, the hitchhikers are everywhere — at street corners, crosswalks, stop lights. Whole families with luggage hitch to and from the airport. On the capital's outskirts, government inspectors wave down government vehicles. Those with empty seats must take hitchhikers, a law that results in 68 million free rides a year, according to the Communist Party newspaper Granma.

While aging school and passenger buses from Canada, Russia and Europe bounce along to uncertain schedules on Havana's potholed streets, more common are 18-wheelers known as "camellos," or "camels," because of their humped metal trailers and ability to pack in 200-plus sweaty passengers seated or clinging to ceiling bars.

The graffiti-splotched vehicles usually have no number or destination sign. But as a camello shudders to a stop and passengers surge aboard, they seem to know exactly where it's headed.

"It's chaotic, difficult. But the good thing is they wait for everyone to get on," said Maria Luisa Fernandez, a 38-year-old high school teacher waiting for a camello in the shadow of Havana's capitol dome. "We go on top of one another, but we all go." WILL WEISSERT (AP)

ON DECK: Rear Adm. Jeffrey L. Fowler — a career submarine commander praised for his handling of sexual misconduct incidents and commitment to diversity in the Navy — has been nominated to be the next U.S. Naval Academy superintendent.

Local

Airport Woes Strand Reagan Fliers

US Airways' problems linger, leaving many passengers stuck in line

WASHINGTON | Photographer Heidi Fisher was ready to leave for Guatemala on Sunday to celebrate spring equinox amid the Mayan ruins at Tikal. But the last tremors of winter, and problems with US Airways, kept her in the far less transcendent setting of Reagan National Airport.

"This is insane," said Fisher, one of hundreds of travelers thwarted by the airline's continued problems with bad weather across the Northeast over the weekend.

Carriers in and out of the region's three major airports delayed or canceled scores of flights because of snow and ice last weekend, but most had returned to close to normal operations by Sunday. A combination of factors, however, conspired to plague US Airways.

Spokeswoman Valerie Wunder said an ice storm at US Airways' Philadelphia hub, combined with heavy spring break travel and ripple effects from two days of cancellations, wreaked havoc on operations. The airline canceled 55 flights at National on Sunday, 12 on its main line and 43 on its express service.

"We're trying to accomodate more than 100,000 passangers systemwide," Wunder said.

Many of the unaccomodated were in US Airways' check-in lines that stretched deep into Terminal C at National early Sunday afternoon.

BILL TURQUE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

ANDREA BRUCE/TWP

US Airways' flight delays and cancellations resulted in six- or seven-hour waits at ticket counters at Reagan National Airport in Arlington, Va., on Sunday.

Tunnel Plan Still Unlikely

State officials insist changing extension of Metro threatens funds

MCLEAN, VA. | Even in this land of gridlock, it would be hard to find a place more in need of relief than Tysons Corner, where officials believe daily traffic snarls threaten to stifle the booming economy.

Bringing the Metro to the area has long been considered integral to the solution, but a plan to do just that has business leaders fuming.

The plan calls for an elevated track through Tysons, something critics say will do little to improve the chaotic and pedestrian-hostile layout and will only worsen traffic during the years of construction. They believe putting tracks underground makes far more sense.

But as calls for a tunnel grow more strident, state officials are insisting as firmly as ever that it's too late. They fear changing the design could jeopardize an expected $900 million in federal funding — and consequently the whole project, which would bring rail not just to Tysons, but also beyond it to Dulles International Airport.

Gov. Timothy Kaine concedes a tunnel would be preferable. But he says the quest for perfection should not stand in the way of a crucial piece of infrastructure.

SARAH KARUSH (AP)

Area's Blood Supply Running Low

WASHINGTON | The region is dangerously low on blood supplies, and donations are needed.

Although the supply has been low for months, a spokeswoman for the American Red Cross said, they have only about half a day's worth of some blood types, and only a few hours' worth of type O, which can be given to people with any blood type.

Spokeswoman Katie O'Brien said one big accident in the region from Pennsylvania to Virginia could wipe out the supply.

Donations must come in constantly because blood is good for only five days. (AP)

HEARSAY | ROADS

"You don't have, on the rural roads, the same safe-design characteristics that you do on major arterials like interstates."

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TOP OF THE BLUE LINE: Minnesota earned the No. 1 seed in the NCAA hockey tournament on Sunday. The Gophers will play Air Force in the first round and could face rival North Dakota in a game to reach the Frozen Four. Notre Dame, Clarkson and New Hampshire are the other No. 1 seeds.

Sports

USC Ousts Longhorns, Durant

Star freshman puts up 30 points and 9 rebounds in 87-68 loss

NCAA TOURNAMENT | If Kevin Durant decides to leave college after one year, it will be without a championship — or even a trip into the second week of the tournament.

Southern California made sure of that Sunday, getting 22 points from its more seasoned star, junior Nick Young, in an 87-68 runaway over Texas and Durant, the freshman front-runner for national player of the year.

As he often has this season, Durant led everyone with 30 points and added nine rebounds for fourth-seeded Texas.

But he never came close to dominating this East Regional game. Many times when he got the ball, the offense ground to a halt for the Longhorns (25-10), who fell behind by 17 early in the second half and never made a serious run.

EDDIE PELLS (AP)

NCAA SCOREBOARD

MEN

Tennessee 77, Virginia 74
UNLV 74, Wisconsin 68
Southern Illinois 63, Virginia Tech 48
Kansas 88, Kentucky 76
Florida 74, Purdue 67
Oregon 75, Winthrop 61
Memphis 78, Nevada 62
Southern Cal. 87, Texas 68

WOMEN

Notre Dame 62 , California 59
N.C. State 84, Robert Morris 52
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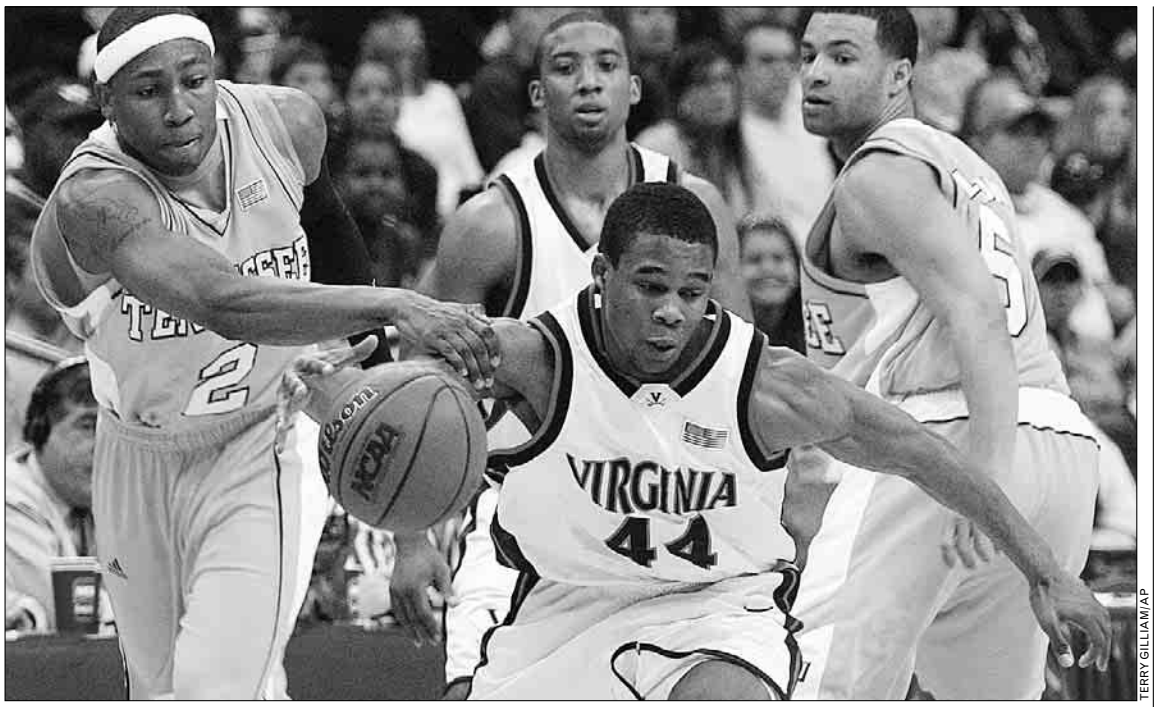


TERRY GILLIAM/AP

Sean Singletary, center, took control of the game for the Cavs in the second half but couldn't hit the game-tying 3-pointer.

Virginia Falls Short of 16

Singletary can't finish off comeback against fast-paced Tennessee

CAVS HOOPS | Go ahead, Tennessee fans. Break out the orange paint and slather up.

It sure seems to work for the head coach.

JaJuan Smith led a second-half comeback, Chris Lofton made one free throw after another in the final seconds and the Volunteers held off Virginia 77-74 Sunday in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

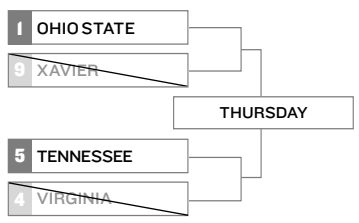
Fifth-seeded Tennessee (24-10) reached the round of 16 for the first time since 2000 under second-year coach Bruce Pearl, who painted himself orange before a Lady Vols game last month to show some spirit.

Now, his team is showing some staying power.

Virginia point guard Sean Singletary missed an open 3-pointer with 1 second left, then slumped and rested his forehead on the court in dismay as Virginia (21-11) watched its top two scorers come up empty at the end.

Coach Dave Leitao, who has led the Cavaliers through a similar two-year revival, immediately went to console his senior leader.

BRACKET CLOSEUP



"We kind of got our heart broken," Leitao said. "I understood at that moment in time because he's so hard on himself that he would immediately take the blame, and that's the last thing I wanted him to do." JOE KAY (AP)

Winthrop's Run Ends in Round 2

NCAA TOURNAMENT | So much for the little guys. The ones from Winthrop, at least.

Aaron Brooks scored 22 points and third-seeded Oregon smothered the frazzled Eagles 75-61 Sunday to eliminate the last remaining double-digit seed from the NCAA tournament.

The 11th-seeded Eagles (29-5), who upset Notre Dame in the first round, lost for the first time in 20 games to end their most successful tournament in seven tries.

So where has the madness gone? This is the first time since 1995 that no double-digit seeds have advanced to at least the third round.

Instead, the Ducks (28-7) advanced to play UNLV in the semifinals of the Midwest Regional. They made it largely because of their 11-for-23 shooting from 3-point range — that was almost as hot as the fluorescent yellow uniforms they wore. It's Oregon's first trip to the round of 16 since 2002.

GREGG BELL (AP)

PLAYER OF THE DAY

Julian Wright
FORWARD, KANSAS

➜ Wright scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half to help the top-seeded Jayhawks pull away from Kentucky. Playing in his hometown of Chicago, the senior forward added eight rebounds and three assists and helped Kansas shoot 57 percent from the field. Wright and the Jayhawks get the Salukis in the round of 16. IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

In Brief

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Top-Seeded Florida Pulls Out Win Against Plucky Purdue

Florida's tournament experience paid off against Purdue. Al Horford and Corey Brewer each scored 17 points and the defending national champions withstood a game effort by the Boilermakers 74-67 on Sunday. Ninth-seeded Purdue played just about how it wanted against the Gators and kept the game close much of the way. But the top-seeded Gators never panicked and made several clutch shots down the stretch to advance to the round of 16. (AP)

BILL HABER/AP

Florida's Al Horford dunks for two of his 17 points in a close win over Purdue.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Memphis Gets a High-Quality Win Over Nevada, 78-62

The Memphis Tigers finally have a victory worth bragging about in their run of 24 straight — a 78-62 victory over Nick Fazekas and Nevada. They also have a spot in the South Regional semifinals. The Tigers (32-3) hadn't played a team as good as the Wolf Pack (29-5) since their last loss, back on Dec. 20. They showed they were up to the task by never trailing after going down 2-0, and shutting out the Wolf Pack in the final 6:17. (AP)

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Jahawks Best Wildcats

Chicago native Julian Wright scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half, Brandon Rush added 19 and top-seeded Kansas romped past Kentucky 88-76 in the second round of the NCAA tournament Sunday. Mario Chalmers added 16 for the Jayhawks, who shot a blistering 57 percent to win their 13th in a row. (AP)

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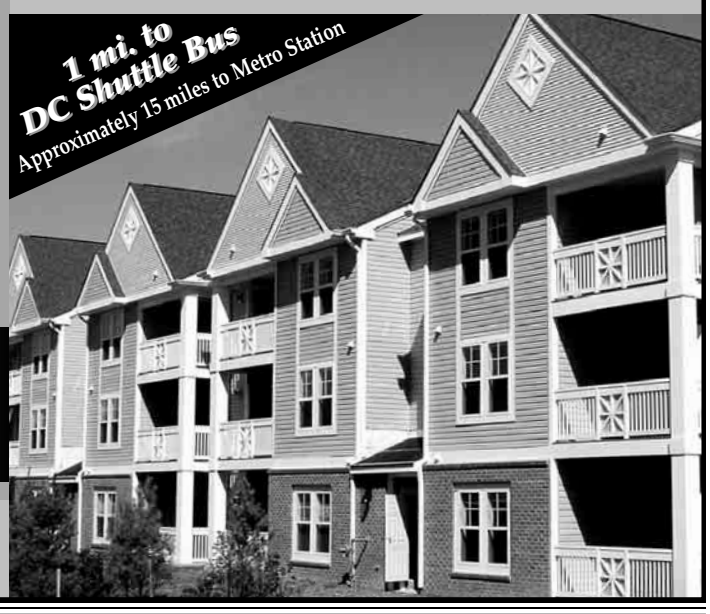

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Sports

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Virginia Tech's Coleman Collins, left, collides with Bryan Mullins of Southern Illinois in the Hokies' 63-48 loss to the Salukis, who rode their defense to the Sweet 16.

Hokies Smothered By Salukis, 63-48

Southern Illinois holds Virginia Tech to lowest point total of the year

HOKIES HOOPS | The team that no one wants to play is still playing — thanks to its suffocating defense.

Southern Illinois got three big 3-pointers from Jamaal Tatum and pulled away from Virginia Tech 63-48 Sunday in a West Regional second-round game.

Tatum, the Missouri Valley player of the year, scored 21 points. The Salukis have won 15 of 16, and set a school record for wins in a season.

Jamon Gordon had 16 points and Deron Washington added 15 for fifth-seeded Virginia Tech (22-12), which hadn't been held to fewer than 54 points all year. Zabian Dowdell, a first-team All-ACC choice who came in averaging 18 a game, had just seven.

SIU's fans chanted "De-fense! De-fense!" and the Salukis — third in the nation, allowing 56.3 points a game — pulled away during a 16-2 run bridging the halves. Forget flashy dunks or no-look passes — the spurt was built on man-to-man defense and a couple of timely shots. (AP)

CONFERENCE COUNTS

A look at which conferences lead the way in the Round of 16:

- Pac-10 — 3 teams remaining
- SEC — 3
- Big East — 2
- Big 12 — 2
- ACC — 1
- Big 10 — 1
- Conference USA — 1
- Horizon League — 1
- Missouri Valley — 1
- Mountain West — 1

Kruger Lifts UNLV Over Wisconsin

NCAA TOURNAMENT | Lon Kruger was beaming. Happy as a coach, proud as a dad.

Thanks to a shooting surge by his son Kevin, the UNLV Runnin' Rebels rallied for the school's biggest win since the 1991 team made the Final Four.

Kevin Kruger shook off a shooting slump, connecting on three straight 3-pointers late in the second half Sunday as UNLV beat second-seeded Wisconsin 74-68 in the NCAA tournament.

"It's a little extra special feeling for sure," Lon Kruger said. "We felt pretty good about all our guys, but he's a little different, obviously." (AP)

26 | **The number of consecutive** wins strung together by the Wisconsin women's hockey team to finish their season. The Badgers (36-1-4) beat Minnesota-Duluth 4-1 on Sunday to repeat as nationals champions. Their only loss was to Minnesota-Duluth in November.

Sports

Terps Advance Easily Past Harvard

Frese brings Toliver off the bench, and the sophomore responds

TERPS WOMEN'S HOOPS | Maryland coach Brenda Frese thought Kristi Toliver was trying too hard. So the coach decided to have her star guard come off the bench for the first time this season — and it worked.

Toliver scored 13 points and added nine assists to help second-seeded Maryland beat No. 15 Harvard 89-65 on Sunday in the first round of the Dayton Regional.

"Kristi has been putting too much pressure on herself," Frese said. "She's a tremendous team player, and I'm extremely proud of her."

Toliver averaged 14 points in the NCAA tournament last season and hit the 3-pointer that sent the national championship game against Duke into overtime.

BOB CHILD/AP

Kristi Toliver, left, shoots over Harvard's Lindsay Hallion in Maryland's first-round win in the tournament. Toliver came off the bench to put up 13 points and nine

The sophomore guard entered 3:41 into this game with the score tied and immediately sparked Maryland (28-5), starting a 19-5 run on a 3-pointer that put the Terrapins ahead 28-14.

"I'm willing to accept any role that I'm given," Toliver said. "I'm just trying to play for my teammates and get wins and do whatever I have to do. I'm the same person, I'm the same player I was before, I'm just coming about four minutes later."

Harvard (15-13) closed within seven, but Toliver and Maryland answered by ending the half with a 10-4 spurt to lead 38-25.

The Terps started the second half with a 16-5 burst to put the game away. Shay Doron, who led Maryland with 21 points, closed the run with the final nine points. (AP)

KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

Tulyah Gaines, left, and Erica Williamson, right, pressure Devanei Hampton.

Green Irish Rally Past California

Notre Dame advances to second round game vs. top-seeded UNC

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT | Notre Dame had green uniforms, green fingernails and one of the greenest lineups in the NCAA women's tournament. By the end of a tightly played game that tested the inexperienced Fighting Irish's nerves and composure, they looked liked veterans.

Tulyah Gaines made two free throws with 16.5 seconds remaining after Notre Dame's Charel Allen scored a key basket and set up another, and the Fighting Irish rallied for a 62-59 victory over California on Sunday.

The ninth-seeded Irish (20-11) relied on Allen's 13 points and Melissa Lechlitner's 12 to advance to a second-round game Tuesday in the Dallas Regional against top-seeded North Carolina (31-3), also in Pittsburgh.

The Irish reached the second round for the 11th time in 12 years despite having only two seniors — a lack of experience that led to them being picked to finish 11th in the Big East. Maybe it was fitting they painted their fingernails green, a tradition any time the Irish play on or near St. Patrick's Day, and wore green uniforms for the first time since last year's NCAA tournament. (AP)

Loss Leaves Terps Looking Ahead

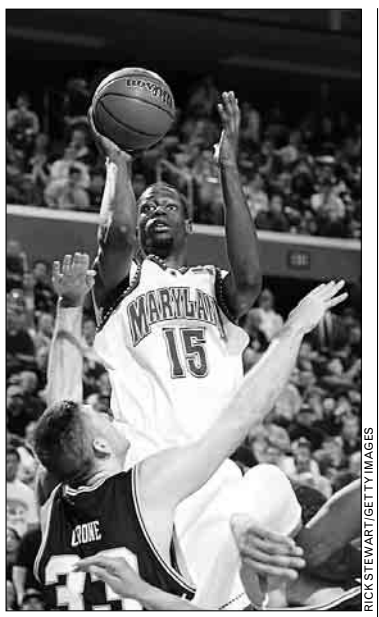
Williams says he is proud of his team for making the tourney

TERPS HOOPS | Because he carries such high expectations into every college basketball season, it would come as no surprise if Maryland coach Gary Williams affixed the word "failure" to a year in which the Terrapins were eliminated in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Sure, Williams was disappointed to have the season end. But that wasn't the only sensation he felt in the wake of the Saturday's 62-59 loss to Butler.

"I'm proud of our veteran players," he said, "because we had to work real hard this year to make the NCAA tournament."

Williams begins every season with the hope of winning a national championship. Maryland fell short of that goal in 2006-07, but the loss to Butler didn't obliterate the sense of accomplishment the coach and his players carried into the postseason.



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James Gist, top, will be one of two seniors on Maryland's team next year.

"I think it was a successful season, even though we lost," James Gist said. "Getting in the NCAA tournament, not every team gets to do that. That's a goal for me next year."

Maryland will lose six seniors, including three starters: D.J. Strawberry, Ekene Ibekwe and Mike Jones. But Gist returns, as does forward Bambale Osby and freshmen guards Greivis Vasquez and Eric Hayes.

Vasquez provided the Terrapins with a burst of emotion and leadership on the floor, and Hayes proved adept at distributing the ball when teamed with either Vasquez or Jones in the backcourt.

"The two freshman guards, it's great that they got to play and win 25 games because they both know they can get it done. They know they're good enough to play," Williams said.

Williams also expects to give more playing time to 6-foot-7 Landon Milbourne and 6-9 forward Jerome Burney, freshmen who couldn't find a place in the rotation behind more experienced reserves.

The underclassmen can expect a push from Gist, one of the team's two seniors (with Osby) in 2007-08.

"Next year," Gist said, "I'm going to push the guys as hard as I can and make them realize how hard you have to work to be here." (AP)

Different Path: The Wizards' college-aged forward Andray Blatche is finding his niche | **Today's Post, Sports**

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TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. AND 9 P.M. ON ESPN) You get to go into work and relax finally after four days of tournament action. But if your team is in the NIT, you are forced right back into basketball watching.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., 8 P.M., 9:30 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) The second round of the women's NCAA tournament gets underway with whip-around coverage of eight games.

HOCKEY (7 P.M. ON VERSUS) The Penguins are in New York to play the Rangers.

Sports

OPENING UP: Erik Bedard will start the Baltimore Orioles' season opener in Minnesota on April 2, a move manager Sam Perlozzo said validates the left-hander's status as the team's top pitcher. Bedard was 15-11 with a 3.76 ERA in 33 starts last year,

Capitals Light Up Tampa Bay, 7-1

Washington wins two in a row for the first time since January

CAPITALS | The struggling Washington Capitals looked more like a playoff team than the contending Tampa Bay Lightning on Sunday.

Alexander Semin got a natural hat trick in the second period to help the Capitals beat Tampa Bay 7-1.

Tomas Fleischmann added two goals and two assists for Washington, which won its second straight game. The Capitals hadn't won consecutive games since beating Atlanta and Philadelphia on Jan. 6 and 9, respectively, and broke a nine-game losing streak with Friday's win over Toronto.

"When you're slumping, sooner or later you're going to come out of it," Semin said. "The bad luck [has] ended now."

Boyd Gordon also scored for Washington and Alexandre Giroux got his second NHL goal. His first came in Friday's win.

MITCHELL LAYTON/GETTY IMAGES

SHOCK: The Capitals' Tomas Fleischmann, right, scores on Johan Holmqvist in Washington's 7-1 victory over the Lightning.

The Capitals are 2-0-1 since goalie Olie Kolzig returned Thursday after missing 13 games with a knee injury. Kolzig made 30 saves against the Lightning.

"I've always said I try to lead by example," Kolzig said. "I don't do anything extra. I just go out there and play." (AP)

Patterson Rocky In Second Start Since Surgery

NATIONALS | Nationals starter John Patterson still is seeking his comfort zone on the mound.

He pitched three innings and gave up three runs, including a two-run homer to Mike Jacobs, in a 3-1 loss to the Marlins on Sunday.

Patterson

"I was supposed to go four, but [the third] inning I used up a lot of pitches. I hit some deep counts and it kind of ate up my pitch count," Patterson said. "I felt like I was really good out of the windup, but a little shaky out of the stretch."

Patterson (0-2), who had surgery on July 20 and missed the remainder of last season, retired six of the first seven batters he faced, but gave up all three hits he allowed in the third inning. He has two more projected starts in spring training before opening day. (AP)

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LOGGED OFF: Latinos are not going online as much as non-Hispanic whites and blacks, even at younger ages at which Web use is far greater, a recent study finds. Fifty-six percent of adult Latinos use the Internet, compared with 70 percent of whites and about 60 percent of blacks.

Personal Tech

Scanning the Horizon

Biometric security could be the next big career for new grads

INDUSTRIES | Todd Fortier is banking on the day when ATMs will be required to confirm a user's face, voice or thumbprint before spitting out cash.

Fortier, 19, is seeking a degree in biometric security at Davenport University, one of the first such programs in the nation. He's seen trends in favor of biometrics and is confident he'll be getting into a lucrative field by the time he graduates.

"I think with the advancements in this technology and with how security is becoming a really important issue ... I think there's going to be huge job growth in this field," Fortier said.

About 55 students are enrolled in either the two- or four-year biometric security degree programs at Davenport, a 141-year-old school of 13,500 students with its main campus in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Biometric security — which identifies people based on unique personal characteristics — has become more common since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Government agencies and private businesses are investing in biometric devices that grant or block access after scanning fingerprints, eyes, facial features or vocal patterns.

The industry has grown from barely $300 million in 2001 to more than $2 billion last year, said Russ Ryan of the National Biometric Security Project, a nonprofit consulting service.

Fingerprint scanners have been installed at Walt Disney World theme parks in Florida to help block phony tickets. Iris-recognition devices in airports in Amsterdam, Netherlands and Frankfurt, Germany, are used to help move passengers along.

ADAM BIRD/AP

IN YOUR EYES: Davenport University School of Technology Dean Reid Gough helps guide one of the few biometric security degree programs in the nation.

"Biometrics is the wave of the future. You're seeing fingerprint scanners or readers on every device, from your laptops to your door entry," said Scott Meuser, systems specialist for D/A Central Inc., a 50-year-old security company based in the Detroit suburb of Oak Park.

West Virginia University is the only other college in the country with a degree program in biometrics, officials at the two schools said.

Since 2000, West Virginia has offered a bachelor of science in biometric systems that focuses on the engineering and design of biometric devices.

By contrast, Davenport emphasizes the technology's application in security in business or government. Davenport students are taught how to create security systems — and understand their ethics, said Reid Gough, dean of Davenport's School of Technology. JAMES PRICHARD (AP)

Surfing the Time Away

College hoops pools aren't the only way to goof off on the Web

TECH TEST | There will be plenty of opportunities to follow the March Madness tournament from your work desktop — CBS is offering free streaming video, and other sites organize office pools and give you the latest scores.

This is the time of year that office productivity hits a low, if you believe the companies trying to sell Internet filtering software for the workplace. But if you're not a basketball fan, fear not: You, too, could help zap productivity.

My adventures in goofing off began with Virtual Bubble Wrap, (www.virtual-bubblewrap.com). It's just like popping the bubbles on the wrap used for packaging, but it's on your computer. Use your mouse to pop all 196 bubbles. It's you against the timer.

JEFF COOK/QUAD-CITY TIMES/AP

Not a March Madness fan? There are other Web diversions to suit your fancy.

Next comes PhoneSpell.org, which lets you find easy-to-remember letter combinations to incorporate into your phone number. I spent my time punching in other people's numbers. The first, for a friend from college, spelled out a number that ends in "DOLT" — no comment!

Back at "work," I turned to SorryGottaGo.com, which offers sound files you can download and play back whenever you need an excuse to get off the phone. You can choose among sounds of a baby crying, a doorbell ringing, a helicopter whirling outside and more.

I visited StumbleUpon.com, which asks for your interests and recommends sites you might like. A number of them proved to be worthy time sinks: a site devoted to continuity problems and other goofs in movies and television shows and photos showing dog owners looking like their pets.

I could go on, but I did have to get to the business of writing this column — after reviewing my March Madness picks at Yahoo Sports, of course. What I did learn from the exercise is the remarkable amount of time people have put in to create diversions for people like me to enjoy. ANICK JESDANUN (AP)

LIVE ONLINE

FAST FORWARD

Washington Post personal technology columnist **ROB PEGORARO** was online March 8 to discuss recent product reviews and to take questions on the fast-changing world of personal technology.

It looks like my DVD player is dying. It won't recognize disks unless it's been turned off for a while. I've been shopping for a replacement and I've seen these "upconverting" players. Will these convert regular DVDs to Blu-Ray or HD DVD quality?

They'll almost do that — and if you don't have the world's biggest HDTV and aren't a videophile in the first place, [they] almost could easily be good enough.

I've held off on downloading either Firefox 2 or Internet Explorer 7 until the initial bugs have been worked out. Now that some time has passed, do you think it's safe to download these two programs?

Firefox 2, definitely. IE 7 ... maybe. I like this browser (though not as much as Firefox), but it's had some weird compatibility issues. I don't blame Microsoft for that — it put IE 7 through a long public beta test cycle, which should have given any competent developer enough time to update its software appropriately — but it's still an issue.

Now that Apple is shipping Intel-based machines that can run both Mac and Windows programs, can someone with an existing Windows based Intel machine load the Mac operating system and run Apple programs?

No. First, Apple has written Mac OS X so it will only load on an Apple machine. Second, even if you could defeat that restriction — as some hackers have — you'd then have to find driver software that would let OS X recognize and use all the hardware on the PC.

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SPARTA SHALL STAND ANOTHER WEEK: Spartans continued to fend off the box-office competition as the battle epic "300" took the No. 1 spot for the second straight weekend with $31.2 million, bringing its total to $127.5 million.

Entertainment

COLUMBIA PICTURES

'DON'T BUY THAT JETHRO TULL LP': Don Cheadle and Adam Sandler play friends who help each other heal—and find good records.

The 'Reign' Man

Adam Sandler's new film focuses on the power of friendship

PALS | "Let in the unexpected" is the tagline of Adam Sandler's new dramedy "Reign Over Me." But it also describes the actor's decision to tackle a role he initially feared.

Sandler, 40, portrays Charlie, a New York City dentist devastated by the loss of his wife and kids on Sept. 11. Depressed and guilt-ridden, Charlie retreats to a life of distractions, closing himself off from friends and family until he bumps into his former college roommate, Alan (Don Cheadle). Alan appears to have everything Charlie used to have: a beautiful wife, adorable children and a good job. But Alan is actually feeling overwhelmed and unhappy about his responsibilities. Reconnected, the two old friends try to sort out their problems together.

Written and directed by Mike Binder ("The Upside of Anger"), "Reign Over Me" is about the restorative powers of friendship. Jada Pinkett Smith, Liv Tyler, Donald Sutherland and Saffron Burrows also star.

"The first time I read the script, I thought it would be a pretty incredible movie," recalled Sandler. "I was afraid of it, though, so I put it away." A month later, he couldn't get the story out of his mind, so he re-read it and decided to go for it. "I was terrified," said Sandler. "Once I agreed to do it, I was the most scared I'd ever been."

Sandler thought it would be a good challenge to play a widower suffering from a form of post-traumatic stress disorder. To prepare for the role, he poured himself into researching the psychology of people who had lost a loved one. He and Binder spoke with therapists, doctors and patients. Sandler even sat in on a few therapy sessions, with the permission of the patients and their caregivers.

Binder said his film is a commentary on how society focuses on a tragedy and its victims until another tragedy strikes, after which the victims of the earlier event are forgotten. He said he is hopeful that "Reign Over Me" — the title is inspired by a Who song — will have a healing effect for those who need it.

While "Reign Over Me" delves into serious topics, it also has lighthearted moments, such as the scene in which Sandler's and Cheadle's characters have a jam session in Charlie's apartment.

Music plays an important role in the film, as Sandler's character refuses to listen to songs that remind him of his family. He regresses to the days before he was married, growing his hair long, playing the same video game over and over and getting around the city on a motorized scooter.

ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Motherhood and Ambivalence

Rebecca Walker's 'Baby Love' poses many, many questions

BOOK | Rebecca Walker had a unique opportunity with her new memoir, "Baby Love." She's an insightful writer and the daugher of best-selling black author Alice Walker and a white Jewish lawyer.

We learned about her difficult growing-up years in her 2002 memoir, "Black, White and Jewish: Autobiography of a Shifting Self."

In "Baby Love: Choosing Motherhood After a Lifetime of Ambivalence," Walker uses her decision to get pregnant at 30-something to continue her story. She offers an unflinching look at her doubts, her anxieties, even her pride. She also tells us about her strained relationship with her mother, who apparently doesn't approve of the pregnancy — or maybe she doesn't approve of her daughter's partner, Glen. It's unclear. Mom later takes her out of her will. What happened? Is her mother completely unreasonable?

COURTESY REBECCA WALKER

Rebecca Walker is a talented writer, but "Baby Love" leaves readers wanting.

Walker also never adequately explains her decision to leave a woman, whom she dated for years, and move in with a man and have his baby.

She scratches the surface here and tells a poignant love story of herself and her son, but the unanswered questions overwhelm the beauty and will leave readers wanting more truth and less gatekeeping. KIM CURTIS (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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ISHMAEL BEAH

Child Soldier

1 At age 12, Ishmael Beah was forced to be a child soldier during Sierra Leone's civil war. Beah was rescued by UNICEF, moved to the U.S. when he was 17 and graduated from Oberlin in 2004. His gripping book, "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier," tells the horrifying tale.

→ *Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness-UDC)*

BOBBY FERRANDO

Spiritual BS

2 Bobby Ferrando is the former proprietor of Food for Thought (and the father of Black Cat owner Dante Ferrando). He wrote and self-published a memoir, "My Spiritual Revelations and Other BS," which gets a release party at the Cat.

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I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 430) 745 1000
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (145 445) 745 1010
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 130 345 415) 700 730 945 1015
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (130 415) 715 935
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (145 430) 730 1000
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (115 345) 700 935
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (100 330) 645 915
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 715 945

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy — 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS 3D (G) ★
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (300 525) 750 1015
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (220 250 445 515) 710 740 935 1005
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (130 200 420 450) 650 720 920 950
300 - DIGITAL PROJECTION (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 405) 700 955
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 210 335 435 505) 630 730 800 925 1025
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1255 425) 755
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (355) 930
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (150 430) 705 940
OC & DA: BREACH (PG-13) DIG (215) 735
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (455) 1020
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (125 400) 635 910
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (135 415) 715 1000
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13) DIG (255 520) 745 1010
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (100) PM
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (120) 645

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza — 800-FANDANGO 394#

Adv. Tix on Sale REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS 3D (G) ★
300 - DIGITAL PROJECTION (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 400) 700 1000
OC & DA: BREACH (PG-13) DIG (1215) 655
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1250 350) 650 950
ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) DIG (1220 335) 640 1005
BEHIND THE MASK: THE RISE OF LESLIE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1135 215 445) 710 940
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1145 240 500) 720 1025
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1150 250 515) 745 1015
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (1130 1200 200 300 450 550) 740 840 1030
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 1230 150 230 330 440 530) 630 730 830 930 1020
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 420) 750
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (1135 140 240 430 540) 715 810 1010
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (320) 945
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (1240 340) 635 920
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (1210 310) 620 900
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (120 345) 645
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (1245 315) 625 910
THE NUMBER 23 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1140 220 510) 800 1035

ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13
Rockville Town Center — 800-FANDANGO 248#

Adv. Tix on Sale REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 430) 730 1000
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 500) 800 1015
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (130 200 415 500) 730 800 1000 1030
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 145 415 445 515) 715 745 815 1015
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D (100 430) 745
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 715 945
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (100) 700
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (145 445) 745 1015
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (215 515) 800 1030
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (100 400) 700 930
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (215) PM
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (400) 945

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road — 800-FANDANGO 670#

Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 435) 730 1000
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 745 1010
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (100 140 400 440) 720 755 945 1020
THE HOST (R) - ID REQ'D (135 420) 705 950
WILD HOGS (PG-13) (200 430) 740 1005
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG 700 930
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (105 405) 710 955
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (120 425) 735 1015
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (110 355) 650 940

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd — 800-FANDANGO 455#

Adv. Tix on Sale REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) ★
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (1245 145 415 500) 715 800 1000 1040
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 430) 730 1010
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 245 515) 800 1030
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 200 400 445 530) 700 745 830 1000 1045
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (115 430) 715 950
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130) 645 1015
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1250 350) 650 945
THE NUMBER 23 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240) PM
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (110 420) 700 950
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (1250 415) 730 1015
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (1245 400) 645 930
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (1230) PM
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (420) 815 1040

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr — 800-FANDANGO 570#

Adv. Tix on Sale REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) ★
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 445) 730 1015
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 500) 800 1030
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (145 445) 745 1015
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 100 130 400 430 500) 715 745 815 1000 1030
OC: WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (145) 730
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (415) 800
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (430) 1000
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1245 330) 645 930
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 715 945
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (1245 345) 645 915
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (115 400) 700 930
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (100 345) 630 915
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (130) PM
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 330) 700 945

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive — 800-FANDANGO 490#

Adv. Tix on Sale REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1225 245 500) 730 945
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 225 445) 745 1020
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (1145 205 425) 700 920
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 100 250 325 400) 650 720 750 935 1005 1030
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1150 310) 630 950
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (1155 110 215 350 435) 705 735 930 1000
THE NUMBER 23 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (440) 955
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1220 315) 640 925
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (1215 300) 655 940
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (1240 335) 725 1015
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (1200 220 450) 740 1010
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (1210) PM
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (1245) 715

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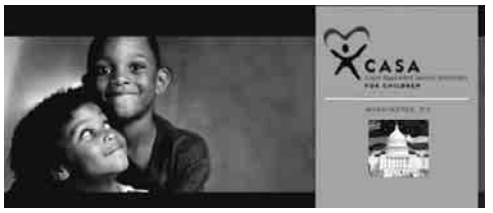

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DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00
MY BROTHER (PG13) 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:45
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ 1:15, 1:55, 4:00, 4:30, 6:25, 7:30, 9:10, 10:30
PREMONITION (PG13) CC ✓ 1:55, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
300 (R) 1:30, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:50, 2:50, 4:40, 5:40, 7:35, 8:10, 10:10, 10:40
ZODIAC (R) 2:30, 6:30, 10:20
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 1:20, 4:35, 7:05, 9:40
RENO 911!: MIAMI (R) 6:55, 9:45
BREACH (PG13) 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 1:10, 3:40, 6:35, 9:00
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 1:05, 3:55, 6:50, 9:30
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
NORBIT (PG13) 1:05, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20
AMC SELECT
THE ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) 1:00, 4:05
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:25

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441

DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ 2:15, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
DEAD SILENCE (R) CC ✓ 2:15, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ 2:45, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:50
300 (R) 1:10, 2:05, 4:00, 4:55, 6:45, 7:45, 9:35, 10:25
WILD HOGS (PG13) 3:00, 5:35, 8:10, 10:25
ZODIAC (R) 1:00, 3:25, 4:30, 6:50, 8:00, 10:20
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 5:25
BREACH (PG13) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:30
AMC SELECT
THE NAMESAKE (PG13) 1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 10:30
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 2:40, 7:55, 10:30
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 10:10
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10
Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ 5:00, 7:30
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:30
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00
300 (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:45, 4:10, 7:00
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 4:30, 7:15
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 4:00, 7:00
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 4:20, 7:20
NORBIT (PG13) 5:15, 8:00
AMC SELECT
THE ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) 5:30, 8:30

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18
9811 Washingtonian Boulevard
301-948-0906

DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ 1:00, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
DEAD SILENCE (R) CC ✓ 1:00, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
300 (R) 12:40, 1:20, 3:20, 4:10, 6:05, 7:10, 8:50, 10:00
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:05, 2:10, 3:40, 4:50, 6:10, 7:30, 8:40, 9:50
ZODIAC (R) 2:30, 6:10, 9:40
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 1:30, 4:05, 6:20, 8:40
BREACH (PG13) 1:25, 4:05, 6:40, 9:20
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 12:50, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:20
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:00
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 1:10, 3:50, 6:35, 9:20
NORBIT (PG13) 1:50, 4:20, 7:30, 10:10
AMC SELECT
THE HOST (R) 1:55, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
THE ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:00
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 1:20, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ 1:05, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ 1:00, 3:25, 5:40, 7:55, 10:15
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40
300 (R) 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:10, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50, 6:30, 7:30, 9:05, 10:05
WILD HOGS (PG13) CC 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05
ZODIAC (R) 1:30, 5:00, 8:30
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 1:25, 4:00, 7:10, 9:35
RENO 911!: MIAMI (R) 12:55, 3:00, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55
BREACH (PG13) 1:55, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 2:05, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25
NORBIT (PG13) 1:50, 4:05, 6:50, 9:20
AMC SELECT
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 1:20, 4:10, 6:55, 9:45

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway
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DEAD SILENCE (R) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00
PREMONITION (PG13) 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
300 (R) 1:10, 2:00, 3:00, 3:50, 4:40, 5:40, 6:30, 7:20, 8:20, 9:10, 10:00
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:20, 3:45, 6:20, 8:50
ZODIAC (R) 2:50, 6:10, 9:30
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 4:50, 9:35
BREACH (PG13) 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:25
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 2:40, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:15
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 2:05, 7:10
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 2:30, 7:35
NORBIT (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
AMC SELECT
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 4:55, 9:55

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8
8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) 5:10, 7:40
RENO 911!: MIAMI (R) 4:00, 6:00, 8:10
NORBIT (PG13) 5:20, 7:50
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG13) 5:30, 8:00
AMC SELECT
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 4:40, 7:20
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 4:50, 7:30
BABEL (R) 7:00
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 4:30, 7:10
THE QUEEN (PG13) 4:40

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220

DEAD SILENCE (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35
MY BROTHER (PG13) 1:35, 4:05, 6:35, 9:05
PREMONITION (PG13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
300 (R) 12:25, 1:25, 3:25, 4:25, 6:05, 7:05, 8:45, 9:50
WILD HOGS (PG13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 12:40, 3:10, 5:25, 8:00, 10:25
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
NORBIT (PG13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10:30
AMC SELECT
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
1-800-FANDANGO #711

300 (R) 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45
TWO WEEKS (R) 4:45, 7:30
BREACH (PG13) 4:30, 7:15
AMC SELECT
STARTER FOR 10 (PG13) 5:15, 8:00

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
1-800-FANDANGO #713

300 (R) 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ 1:45, 4:10, 7:25, 9:55
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ 1:55, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30
300 (R) 12:45, 1:30, 2:30, 3:20, 4:20, 5:30, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:15, 10:30
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 5:00, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15
ZODIAC (R) 12:50, 2:00, 4:05, 5:20, 7:20, 8:40, 10:35
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:25
BREACH (PG13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 10:20
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:25, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) CC 1:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
AMC SELECT
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:40

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ 5:15, 7:35
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ 5:30, 8:10
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ 5:25, 8:05
300 (R) 4:50, 7:45
WILD HOGS (PG13) 5:10, 8:10
ZODIAC (R) 4:10, 7:15
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 4:35, 7:10
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 5:00, 7:50
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 4:40, 7:20
NORBIT (PG13) 4:30, 7:00
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 4:45, 7:30
AMC SELECT
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 5:15, 7:50

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
WILD HOGS (PG13) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
ZODIAC (R) 6:40, 10:00
BREACH (PG13) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
AMC SELECT
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 5:10, 7:40, 9:40
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 5:20, 7:50, 10:30
MISS POTTER (PG) 4:30, 7:00, 9:20

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

TWO WEEKS (R) 1:40, 4:10, 7:00
AMC SELECT
THE HOST (R) 2:30, 4:50, 7:30
STARTER FOR 10 (PG13) 2:10, 4:20, 7:40
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THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
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THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:30, 3:50, 7:10

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ZODIAC (R) 3:00, 6:15
BREACH (PG13) 2:25, 4:50, 7:05
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:10

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WILD HOGS (PG13) 3:05, 5:30, 8:05
ZODIAC (R) 4:40, 7:55
BREACH (PG13) 3:10, 5:35, 8:00
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 2:40, 5:00, 7:20
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) CC 2:40, 5:00, 7:20
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 2:55, 5:15, 7:45
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Entertainment

DOUBLE THREAT: Minnie Driver, current star of the TV show "The Riches," has signed up Liz Phair and Ryan Adams to help out on her second album, "Sea Stories." The 12-track set is scheduled for an early summer release on Zoe/Rounder.

Sweden's Sweet 'Young Folks'

Peter Bjorn and John have parlayed a Web hit into a pop smash

BUZZ | By the time Peter Bjorn and John's "Writer's Block" saw U.S. release on Feb. 6, lead single "Young Folks" was on track to outsell the Swedish band's previous album by itself.

The song, a '60s-influenced slice of wistful pop, spins a tale of two hesitant lovers, a pair of "30-year-olds who have been burned by previous encounters with love," guitarist/vocalist Peter Moran said. With its bongo-like drumming and whistled melody, the playful tune has attracted the attention of TV music supervisors, as "Grey's Anatomy" and "How I Met Your Mother" have both featured the cut.

It's also become a YouTube hit, thanks to a retro-styled cartoon clip generating well more than 1 million views. To date, the song has sold 3,000 copies on digital outlets, according to Nielsen SoundScan, matching sales of the group's 2005 album "Falling Out," which was released by small indie Hidden Agenda.

"Young Folks" isn't entirely representative of "Writer's Block," but, as Moran said, "I reckon some people will be surprised that we're a bit of a rock band."

"Writer's Block" melds the band's Merseybeat influences with early-'80s new wave.

The group will stage a summer U.S. tour, but the Internet attention surrounding the new album and the single already prompted two recent New York club shows to sell out in a matter of hours.

"It's weird because you know you will have a couple people who are not really into the music yet," Moran said. "They just know that this is the thing for the week, which is odd for us. We had never been a hyped or a cool band. We've just been trying to make pop music and be kind to people."

TODD MARTENS (BILLBOARD)

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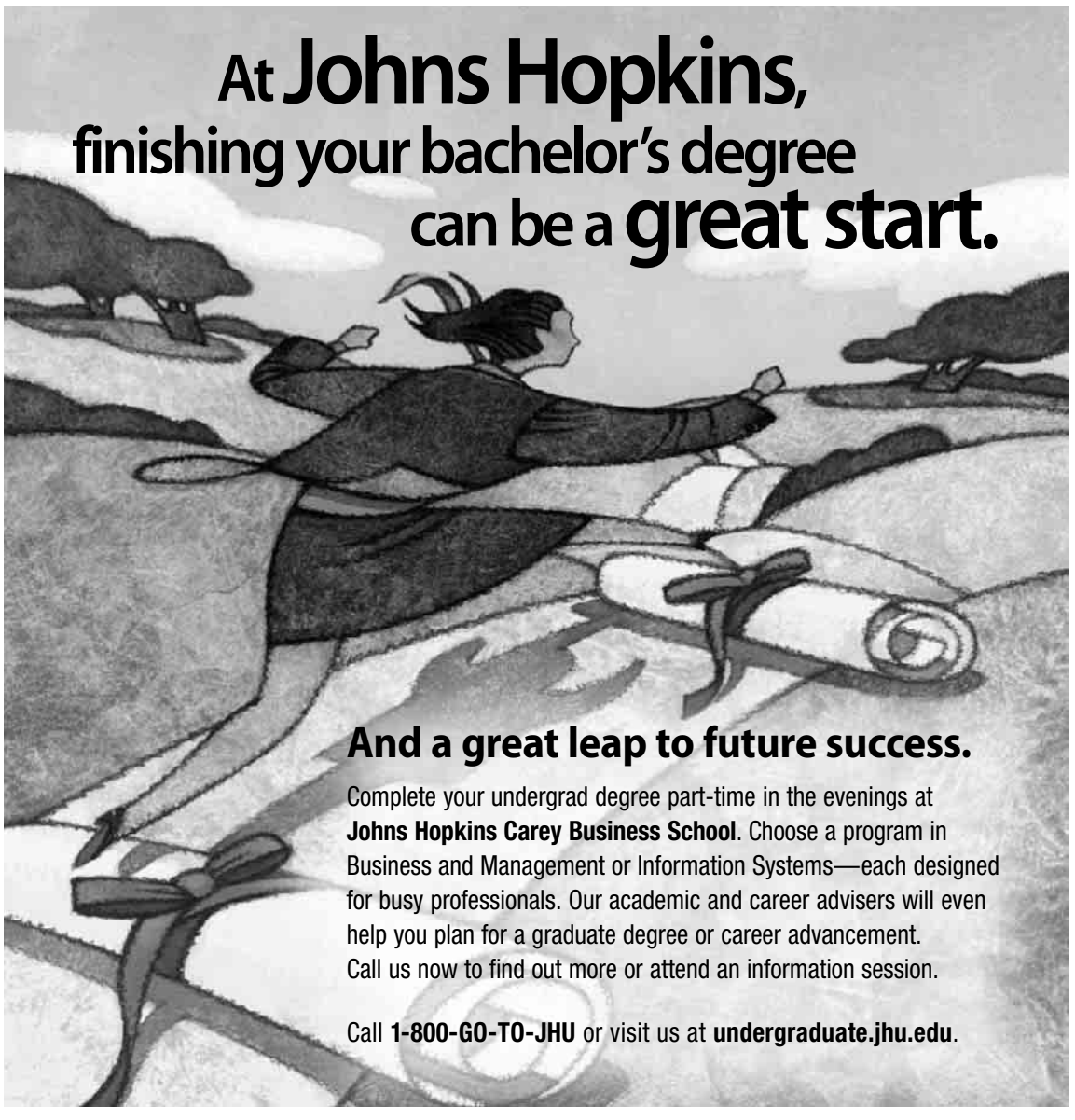
NOT ABBA: But Peter Bjorn and John do know how to writer super-catchy songs.



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IT'S A COMEDY. NO, REALLY: "American Pie" veteran Jason Biggs has signed on for the CBS pilot "I'm in Hell." He'll play a Wall Streeter who dies in a car crash, but since hell is full, he has to live in hell on Earth. Cue the laugh track.

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

CAN YOU CALL THEM 'STARS'?
Due to the tabloid frenzy over the inclusion of Heather Mills on **DANCING WITH THE STARS** (8 p.m., ABC), people may have overlooked the other participants, including Laila Ali, Billy Ray Cyrus, Clyde Drexler and Joey Fatone.

HEY, DJ, I CAN'T DANCE TO THAT
Chris substitutes for a popular DJ on **EVERYBODY HATES CHRIS** (8 p.m., CW).

HOW MUCH CAN ONE MAN TAKE?
Jack suffers an additional emotional blow on **24** (9 p.m., Fox).

JUST WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW
David Bromstad hosts the new interior design series **COLOR SPLASH** (9 p.m., HGTV).

AMERICAN WAR STORIES
Veterans of the Iraq war discuss their experiences in the 2004 documentary **GROUND TRUTH** (9 p.m., Sundance).

ABC

Heather Mills dances not for the money — she has Sir Paul's — but for love.

BRITISH WAR STORIES
British citizens become ensnared in the terror war in the documentary **THE ROAD TO GUANTANAMO** (10:15 p.m., Sundance).

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Love & Marriage

John Waters finds the perfect show for his campy humor

MACABRE | With "'Til Death Do Us Part" (10 p.m.), Court TV walks into peculiar new territory. The show's darkly comic take on murder between brides and grooms departs from documentary-style shows about legal procedure. "Death" deals in speculative narrative and plays with psychological motivation — and comedy of a deliciously grim sort.

Film director John Waters hosts the anthology series in the tradition of the Crypt Keeper on "Tales from the Crypt" or Alfred Hitchcock from the whimsically macabre series "Alfred Hitchcock Presents." In each episode, Waters offers a sly, tongue-in-cheek prelude while seen attending the unhappy couple's wedding. At the end of story, after the guilty party has been apprehended, Waters serves up rueful admonitions as he sums up the whole grim affair. In this manner, he's also like Rod Serling from the "Twilight Zone."

The demands of rapid-fire exposition can push a basic-cable production to its outer limits, and sometimes "Death" seems like a creepy soap opera. But it's also fun to see just how much can be crammed into these 22-minute vignettes.

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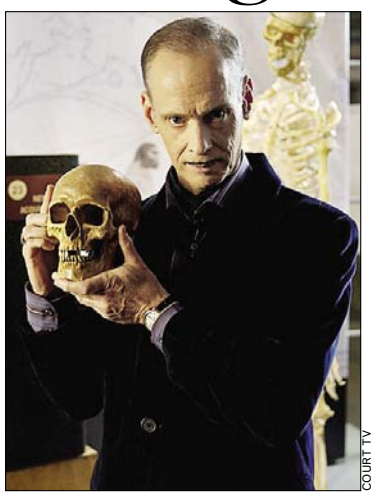

COURT TV

NO NEED FOR HAIR SPRAY: John Waters is grimly humorous as "Death's" host.

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (N) CC				The Black Donnellys "Lies" (N) CC		News CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	Seinfeld CC	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld CC	Prison Break "Panama" (N) CC		24 "Day 6: 7:00PM - 8:00PM" (N)		News		News	Every-Raymond
	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dancing With the Stars (Season Premiere) (S Live) CC				(:02) What About Brian (N) CC		News CC	(:35) Nightline
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	WDCA 20	Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy (N)	IFL Battleground CC				The Tyra Banks Show CC		Still Standing	Still Standing
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Direct Connection	Antiques Roadshow "St. Paul" CC		My Music: The British Beat CC				Back Care Basics: Yoga	
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Andrea Bocelli: Amore Under the Desert Sky				American Soundtrack: Doo Wop's Best on PBS CC			
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BASIC CABLE	A&E	Crossing Jordan "Payback" CC		CSI: Miami "Whacked" CC		CSI: Miami "10-7" CC		The Sopranos "Big Girls Don't Cry"		(:09) The Sopranos "The Happy Wanderer" CC			(:18) The First 48
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter CC		The Most Extreme "Moms" CC		The Crocodile Hunter CC		E-Vet Interns	E-Vet Interns	Animal Planet Heroes Phoenix (N)		The Crocodile Hunter CC	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Bernie Mac. (N) CC			Movie Special (N)	★ "3 Strikes" (2000, Comedy) Brian Hooks, N'Bushe Wright. CC				Soul Food CC		Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx
	Bravo	Inside the Actors Studio Hugh Grant.		Inside the Actors Studio		Inside the Actors Studio (N) CC		Six Feet Under "The Silence" CC		(:15) Six Feet Under "Singing for Our Lives" CC			Six Feet Under
	Comedy	(5:00) ★★ "Overnight Delivery" CC		Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	South Park CC	Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report
	Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops CC	Cops CC	Most Shocking		Disorder in the Court II		'Til Death Do	'Til Death Do	Suburban Secrets	Forensic Files
	Discovery	It Takes a Thief Stealing a car. (N)		Mega Builders "Extreme Elevation"		Dirty Jobs Hydroseeding.		Futureweapons (N)		Stunt Junkies	Stunt Junkies	MythBusters "Dog Myths" CC	
	DISCH	Code Blue "Sweet Charity" CC		Impact: Stories of Survival CC		The Real Rainman CC		Medical Incredible CC		Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC		The Real Rainman CC	
	Disney	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	"Zenon: Z3" (2004) Kirsten Storms, Alyson Morgan.			Kim Possible	Life With Derek	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
	E!	The Soup	Girl Next Door	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	101 Biggest Celebrity Oops!		101 Biggest Celebrity Oops!		101 Biggest Celebrity Oops!		E! News	The Daily 10
	FX	(5:00) ★★ "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action)		★★ "I, Robot" (2004) Will Smith. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035.						The Riches "Believe the Lie" (N)		The Riches "Believe the Lie"	
	HGTV	HGTV Dream Home Giveaway 2007		If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me (N)	Color Splash (N)	Hidden Potential	House Hunters	Open House	HGTV Dream Home Giveaway 2007	
	Family	7th Heaven "Relationships" CC		Lincoln Heights "Tricks and Treats"		Wildfire Gillian returns. (N) CC		★★ "Summer Catch" (2001) Freddie Prinze Jr., Jessica Biel. CC				The 700 Club CC	
	History	Man, Moment, Machine CC		Modern Marvels: B-2 Bomber CC		UFO Files: Texas' Roswell CC		Lost Treasures of Petra		Engineering an Empire CC		Loch Ness: Great Monster Mystery	
	Lifetime	Reba CC	Reba "Go Far"	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba CC	Reba "Switch"	"The Secrets of an Undercover Wife" (2007, Suspense) Premiere. CC				Desperate Housewives CC	
	MTV	Next	Next	The Hills	The Hills	Super Sweet 16	Super Sweet 16	Super Sweet	Engaged	The Hills (N)	The Hills Cram	Super Sweet 16	Spring Break
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	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Metamorphosis"		Star Trek: Enterprise "Cease Fire"		Star Trek: Enterprise "Future Tense"		Star Trek: Enterprise "Canamar"		Star Trek: Enterprise "The Crossing"		The Dresden Files "Storm Front"	
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		★★ "Die Another Day" (2002) Pierce Brosnan. James Bond and an American spy track a North Korean villain.					
	TBS	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Family Guy CC	Family Guy CC	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC
	TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	My Life As a Child (N)		Little People	Little People	Kids by the Dozen Fourteen children.		Wild Child: Feral Children		Little People	Little People
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	USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		WWE Monday Night Raw (S Live) CC				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
	VHI	I Love New York		I Love New York Ex-girlfriends dish.		I Love New York Overnight dates.		I Love New York Meeting mothers. (N)		The Agency	Australia's Next Top Model		I Love New York
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC		College Basketball NIT Tournament Second Round -- Mississippi at Clemson.				College Basketball NIT Tournament Second Round -- DePaul at Kansas State.				SportsCenter (Live) CC	
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	CSN	Washington	SportsNite CC	Washington Post Live			Washington Post Live			SportsNite (Live) CC		Ship Shape TV	Final Score
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now CC		Larry King Live CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC			
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Scarborough Country		Nightmare Behind Closed Doors		MSNBC Investigates Iowa prison.	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:45) ★★ "The Quick and the Dead" (1995, Western) Sharon Stone. 'R'				★★ "Volcano" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Anne Heche. 'PG-13' CC				(:15) ★★ "Hero" (1992, Comedy-Drama) Dustin Hoffman. 'PG-13'			
	TCM	★★★ "The Way We Were" (1973, Romance) Barbra Streisand. 'PG' CC				★★★ "The Pirate" (1948, Musical) Judy Garland, Gene Kelly. 'NR' CC				★★★★ "An American in Paris" (1951, Musical) Gene Kelly. 'NR' CC (DVS)			
	HBO	(5:45) ★★★★ "Million Dollar Baby" (2004) Clint Eastwood. 'PG-13' CC				Real Time With Bill Maher CC		Rome CC		Costas NOW CC		Simmons-Poet	Take the Lead
	MAX	(4:30) The X-Files	★★ "The Wedding Date" (2005) Debra Messing. 'PG-13'			★★ "The Family Stone" (2005) Dermot Mulroney. CC			MAX on Set	★★ "Out for Justice" (1991) Steven Seagal. 'R' CC			Best Sex Ever
	SHOW	(5:00) "The Ballad of Jack and Rose"		(:15) ★★ "The Pink Panther" (2006, Comedy) Steve Martin. iTV. 'PG'				The L Word "Literary License to Kill"		★★★ "The Usual Suspects" (1995) Stephen Baldwin. iTV. 'R' CC			
	TMC	(:05) ★★★ "Crash" (2004, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle. 'R' CC				★★ "Senseless" (1998) Marlon Wayans. 'R' CC			(:45) ★★ "What Dreams May Come" (1998) Robin Williams. 'PG-13' CC				(:40) Dirty Deeds
	STARZ!	(5:40) ★★ "An Unfinished Life" (2005) Robert Redford.		(:35) ★★ "The Wild" (2006) Voices of Kiefer Sutherland.				★★ "Shopgirl" (2005, Romance) Steve Martin, Claire Danes. 'R' CC				(10:50) ★★ "Mindhunters" (2004) 'R'	
	ENCORE	(:15) ★★ "Opportunity Knocks" (1990) Dana Carvey. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" (2005) Laura Linney. 'PG-13' CC				(:05) ★★ "The Real McCoy" (1993) Kim Basinger. 'PG-13' CC			

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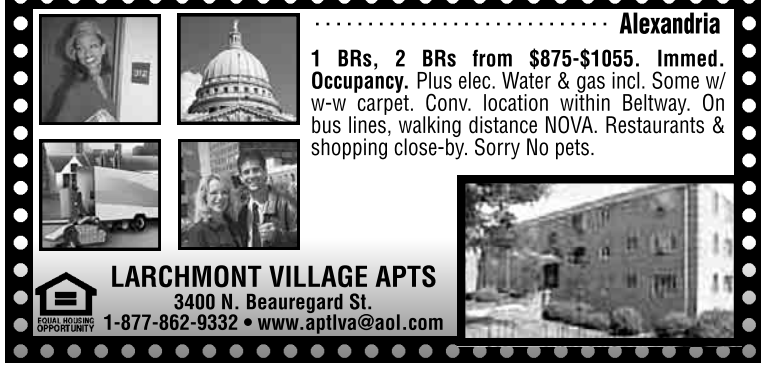

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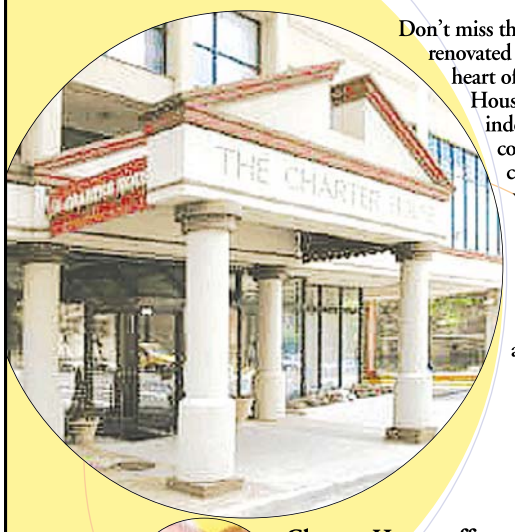

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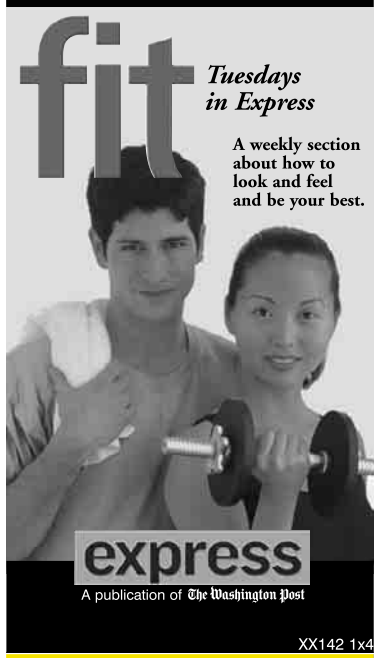

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Culinary Canvas

JUNKO TERASHIMA/AP

CONCERTO ON RICE: Junko Terashima created an edible image of Mozart in this school lunch box, known in Japan as bento.

Food

Japanese mothers are making high art of school lunches

Kazumi Shimomura's kitchen table is cluttered with tools not usually associated with cooking: A pair of tweezers, a razor knife and a digital camera.

Her culinary style is just as unique.

She sculpts rice colored with egg yolks into the shape of a dinosaur, and then fashions its eye with sliced cheese and strips of seaweed. Star-shaped pieces of okra adorn the belly.

"I just wanted my son to have fun when he goes to day care on Saturdays," explains Shimomura as she uses tweezers to place tiny teeth-shaped bits of cheese in the dinosaur's mouth.

Spending hours meticulously perfecting a meal that will be gobbled down in a school cafeteria by her 6-year-old son hardly seems like time well-invested.

But lunch-box art marries the age-old Japanese penchant for precision and aesthetics with the country's modern, shrinking, affluent nuclear family, in which fewer children mean moms have more time and money to lavish on their little emperors. The intricate presentations are also a public way for mothers — who often forgo careers to cater to their families — to demonstrate their devotion to motherhood, dedication to their children's nutrition and creative skills.

"This is rather about my pride," acknowledged Miho Tsukamoto, 41, the mother of two in the western city of Osaka. "My son boasts about my cooking to his friends, so I can't stop doing this."

The boxed lunch — known in Japan as "bento" — has been around for a long time.

The prototype of modern bento dates back to the late feudal period between the 17th and 19th centuries. With industrialization came mass production: Office workers buy them in train stations, convenience stores and food courts.

Nursery schools typically require children to bring home-cooked bentos, and some wives make them for their husbands. But the creations of Shimomura and others go way beyond the humble arrangement of fish, rice and vegetables that the Japanese subsisted on in the past.

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> **MIHO TSUKAMOTO**, MOTHER OF TWO

The lunches often feature a seasonal motif like fireworks in summer or snowmen in winter. Others re-create popular cartoon characters or famous people such as the popular Japanese pop duo Puffy, or even Mozart.

Details are prized. Slivers of carrots are sculpted into a crab on a bed of rice; avocado slices, fried tofu and black sesame seeds morph into Frankenstein's face — with seaweed stitches on his forehead.

Housewives have taken their lunch box exhibitions online, where Internet journals feature up-to-date photos of the latest works. Cooking books catering to the trend are proliferating, and companies even host contests.

The trend has struck a chord with stay-at-home mothers, many of whom retire early when they have children, but still have plenty of creative energy to spare.

Mari Miyazawa said she started making bento to save money, but now it's become a full-time job: She's authored three cookbooks and is one of the most recognized lunch ox artists in the country.

Miyazawa, 45, a former computer graphics artist, says making bento art is more demanding because it's impossible to edit — you either get it right or not.

"I finally found the perfect medium," she said. CHISAKI WATANABE (AP)

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And her owners have sheltered the mare from ever gaining "circus-sideshow" or "one-trick-pony" status.

As the world's smallest horse, 5-year-old Thumbelina, weighing in at 57 pounds, has a bigger mission: to raise $1 million for children's charities this year.

Handler Michael Goessling, son of miniature horse farmers Kay and Paul Goessling, says Thumbelina is the ideal child advocate. Her name comes from the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale of a woman the size of a thumb.

"When kids meet her in person, they want to talk to her and know what she likes and dislikes," Goessling said. "It's amazing because she is so loving with people. She craves attention."

> "I'll have her out for hours. She's so mild-mannered, everything just seems to brush off her shoulders."
>
> **MICHAEL GOESSLING**, HORSE HANDLER

In the months after being named "World's Smallest Living Horse" by Guinness World Records last summer, Thumbelina has certainly not been short on attention.

She's been showered with praise on the television talk-show circuit. The flow of schoolchildren who visit her is constant, and many leave with coloring books dedicated to the Goessling family pet.

"I'll have her out for hours. She's so mild-mannered, everything just seems to brush off her shoulders. There have been 100 kids around petting her and she'll take a nap," Goessling said.

SARAH CONARD/AP

Thumbelina, a 5-year-old miniature horse, at Goose Creek Farms in St. Louis.

When Thumbelina travels the country this year, she'll do so in style — in a recreational vehicle that's her converted stable on wheels.

An upcoming "Thumbelina Children's Tour" is expected to include stops in the 48 contiguous states at children's hospitals, schools, summer camps, fairs, horse shows and charitable fundraisers.

At Goose Creek Farms, the Goesslings breed miniatures for sale and for horse show competitions, a hobby that's brought them numerous ribbons for more than a decade.

But Thumbelina's special. "We don't want to make a penny off of her," Michael Goessling said. "We never have. There will never be another Thumbelina."

Most of her days are spent playing with like-size farm dogs. She even sleeps in a dog house.

Thumbelina often avoids the company of her taller, but still unusually small counterparts. Of the 40 or so miniature horses stabled on the ranch, most are more than a foot taller than Thumbelina.

When a Guinness official came from London to certify the record, a photograph was taken of Thumbelina and the world's largest living horse, Radar, a Belgium Draft horse from Texas standing at 6-foot-7 — about 40 times larger than Thumbelina.

She wasn't intimidated.

"I got the impression that Thumbelina wasn't so keen on sharing the limelight with the tallest horse at all," said Michael Whitty, who's in charge of Guinness' Picture Media.

JEFF DOUGLAS (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Partly sunny, then cloudy	Cloudy, brief shower or two	Partly sunny	Increasingly cloudy	Partly sunny, warmer	Partly sunny, warm
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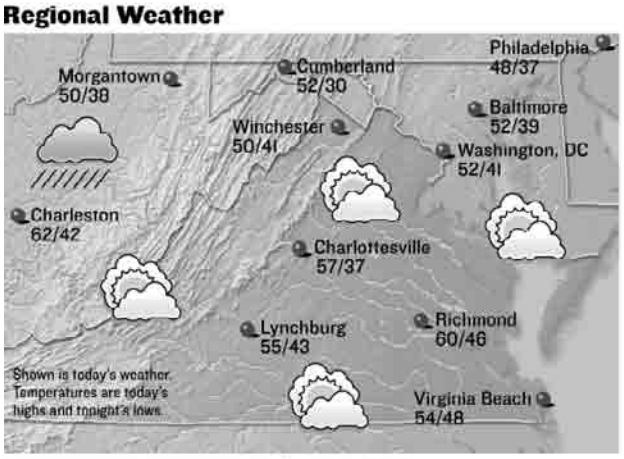

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun.

Temperature

High	43°
Low	29°
Normal high	56°
Normal low	38°
Average humidity	34%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	3.15"
Normal month to date	2.12"
Year to date	7.83"
Last year to date	5.74"
Normal year to date	7.96"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, then increasingly cloudy. High 52. Wind south-southwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, a shower or two. Low 41.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:14 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:19 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:25 a.m.
Moonset today	8:22 p.m.

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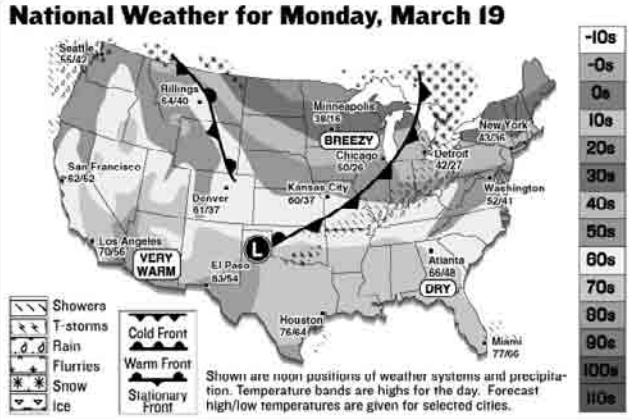

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National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	66/48/pc	73/52/pc
Boston	45/32/pc	47/20/pc
Chicago	50/26/pc	46/35/pc
Dallas	75/61/pc	73/62/pc
Denver	61/37/s	67/36/s
Honolulu	83/71/s	83/70/s
Los Angeles	70/56/pc	67/54/c
Miami	77/66/pc	79/69/pc
New York City	43/36/pc	46/27/pc
Orlando	76/56/pc	77/60/pc
Seattle	55/42/r	48/38/sh

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	44/36/sh	46/39/c
Athens	64/46/pc	65/53/pc
Berlin	44/30/sh	45/28/pc
Buenos Aires	81/63/s	79/64/s
Calgary	41/24/pc	50/25/pc
Dublin	41/36/sh	41/32/sh
Geneva	42/32/r	36/32/sn
Moscow	42/36/sh	44/30/c
Rome	56/44/r	50/34/pc
Sydney	75/68/sh	79/70/c
Tokyo	52/41/s	54/41/pc

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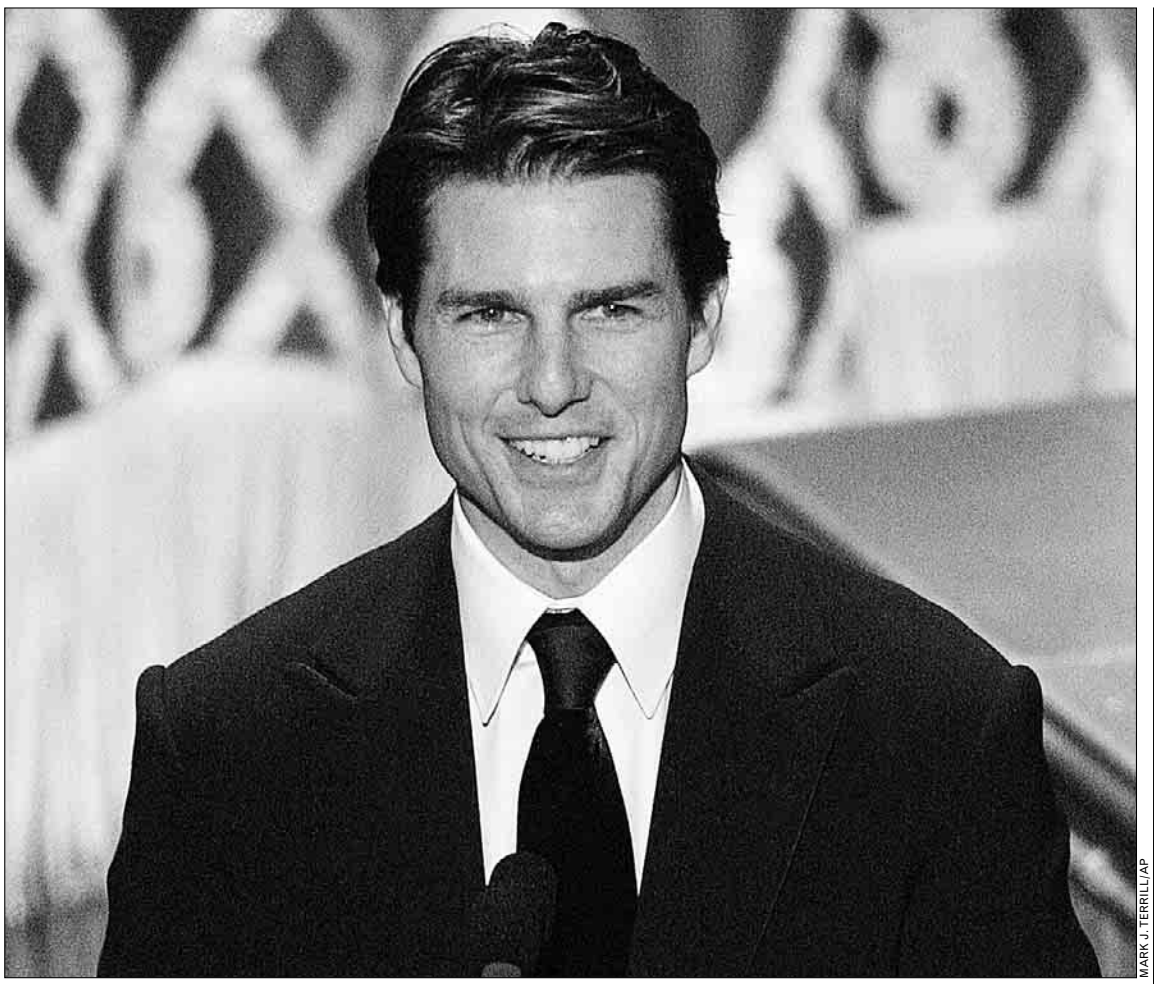

MARK J. TERRILL/AP

KNOT TALL: Tom Cruise wore a Windsor knot to this year's Oscars, even though it's not recommended for short fellows.

Hot for Knots

Wide and tight are the new styles for the ties that bind

The giant tie knot — last widely seen in the disco era — is making a comeback.

Spurred by the popularity of spread-collar shirts and thicker "seven-fold" neckties, the reappearance of big knots has some men weighing the look — and others fumbling in front of the mirror to master the tricky Windsor knot.

File UNDER Fad

But thicker knots raise some issues. For one, there's the problem of relearning something most men haven't had to think about for decades: how to tie a tie. There's also the question of whether a look most often seen on Italian businessmen, Hollywood stars and the occasional British royal will pass muster in the American workplace.

The most common American necktie knot — and the one most men learned from their fathers — is the four-in-hand, which involves passing the tie through a loop twice.

But getting a bigger knot typically means learning a new tying style — most often, the Windsor knot, also known as a full Windsor or double Windsor, which requires three passes through the loop. First-timers at this are likely to see messy results on their first few tries.

Some retailers are addressing this issue by offering instructions.

ROBYN BECK/GETTY IMAGES

Jaden Smith wore a wide tie and big knot while presenting an Oscar.

Brooks Brothers recently posted a step-by-step guide to tying classic knots on its Web site — a response to customer requests, the company says. The new men's catalog from Saks Fifth Avenue includes detailed tying instructions as well. "It's our responsibility to help," says men's fashion director Michael Macko. "You can't just say, 'Here's a tie — good luck with it.'"

The knot has been showing up lately on the red carpet. Will Smith's son, Jaden, and Tom Cruise wore them to the Oscars, and Forest Whitaker wore one to the Golden Globes. Hip-hop moguls such as Shawn "Jay-Z" Carter and Sean "Diddy" Combs have been sporting big knots for several years.

Stylists say that the thicker knots work better for some body types than others. "If you have a small frame or if you are on the short side, a big knot will overpower you," says stylist Clinton Kelly, co-host of TLC's "What Not to Wear." Some shirt makers have

> "If you have a small frame or if you are on the short side, a big knot will overpower you."
>
> **CLINTON KELLY,** "WHAT NOT TO WEAR"

continued to adjust their designs to accommodate big knots, raising the collar band to sit higher on the neck. Phillips-Van Heusen's line of Sean John dress shirts feature collars as much as a quarter inch higher than those on standard dress shirts.

Windsor fans say their knots are more prominent and less likely to slip throughout the day than other styles. "It shows off the tie a little more," says Kelly, whose father taught him how to tie a Windsor. ESPN sports analyst and former NBA all-star Allan Houston says the Windsor knot shows that the wearer is making an effort: It says "you're taking it to a different level," he says.

Still, tying a big knot can be unnerving. Whitaker says he's struggled to get it right. "If I keep going at it for a while, I can do it," he says. For the Golden Globes, he wore a nine-fold tie by Italian designer Domenico Vacca, who personally tied a Windsor knot for the actor.

RAY A. SMITH (THE WALL STREET JOURNAL)

Beauty

Wipe on, Wipe Off

Anything that gets us into bed sooner makes us happy. Which is why we love the new **GARNIER NUTRITIONISTE NUTRI-PURE DETOXIFYING WET CLEANSING TOWELETTES** ($6, drugstores). We set our packet in the middle of a dressing room at a local community theater and ran away to avoid the stampede. The lightly scented cloths took off everything from foundation to deep red lipstick to aqua eyeliner. It even obliterated waterproof mascara. We were left with soft skin and a dozen women wondering when we'd bring in more.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty

Being and Nothingness

Bad products are so easy to write about. Good products are, too. The problem is when we have to write 80 whole words about Sampar's new **GO FIGURE SLIMMING GEL** ($78, fredsegalbeauty.com), which is a big tube of nothing. Here's what happened: We squeezed the bottle. Some yellowish stuff that didn't have a scent came out. We rubbed it on our jiggly rear end. Our rear end is still jiggly, but at least it didn't fall off or anything. So, no harm done, but mission certainly not accomplished. K.P.K.

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MENRVA.WORDPRESS.COM MARCHED IN THE ANTI-WAR PROTEST AND HOPES THE SIDES CAN FIND COMMON GROUND.

"THESE GUYS had finally figured it out. They were moving the basketball, beginning to play unselfishly and making passes, playing defense, etc. It's a drag the season ended today."

SHINESILENTLY.BLOGSPOT.COM THANKS THE TERRAPINS' MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR A STRONG YEAR AFTER ITS LOSS.

"PATRIOTS WERE were spread in three different areas: Constitution Gardens, the Lincoln Memorial and at [the Vietnam Veterans Memorial]. Constitution Gardens is rated to hold 10,000 and they had the place FILLED!"

FREEREPUBLIC.COM PAINTS THE SCENE AT LAST WEEKEND'S COUNTER-PROTEST GATHERING NEAR THE WALL.

Live Online

'Grey' Matters

Post TV columnist **LISA DE MORAES** was online Friday to discuss how long "Lost" will last, when "Idol" will become a smackdown and the sex drive on "Grey's Anatomy."

I am not feeling any of the men [on "American Idol"] this year. Blah. And there are only three women with any real chops.
This year isn't really a competition, until it gets down to LaKisha and Melinda. Then it will be a smackdown, but that won't be until the second to last week of competition. For now, it's just best to sit back, relax and enjoy these two chicks' performances each week.

First of all, I'm so happy that "Grey's Anatomy" is back to its campy self. I'm trying hard to continue to like Izzy, but it's getting hard. I can relate to getting drunk and falling into bed with a friend, but can she be any more self-absorbed? And George? Yes, Izzy is hot, but that McThicky wife of his is hot, too!
McThicky? That's sadly brilliant. Izzy is a shrew. There, I've said it. And is there anyone who has not shagged everyone on this show? These people really need to go to a sex therapist. It's a hospital populated entirely with nymphomaniacs. I would not want to be a patient there.

When will the powers that be decide how long "Lost" will continue? I still really like the show and want to see them complete it. Otherwise, it's just been a complete waste of time.
If you are over 22, and they ran this show until the writers finally got around to answering all the questions — much less the new ones they're brewing up — the series will outlast you. This is one of those shows that will not end well ... you can see it coming.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Post Style reporter DeNeen Brown discusses her story about how gentrification is changing the H Street corridor at 11 a.m. | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

DON'T

TITLE YOUR SONG. They're already chosen for you at Songfight.com. The idea: The name of a song is posted, and contributors write songs to go with the title. Listen to the entries and vote for your favorite. Also: Apparently, Song Fight is on tour.

Look out

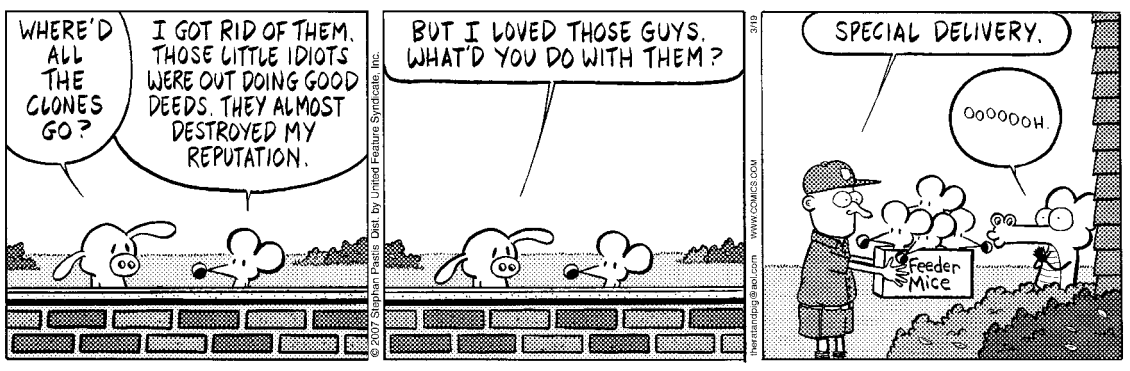
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

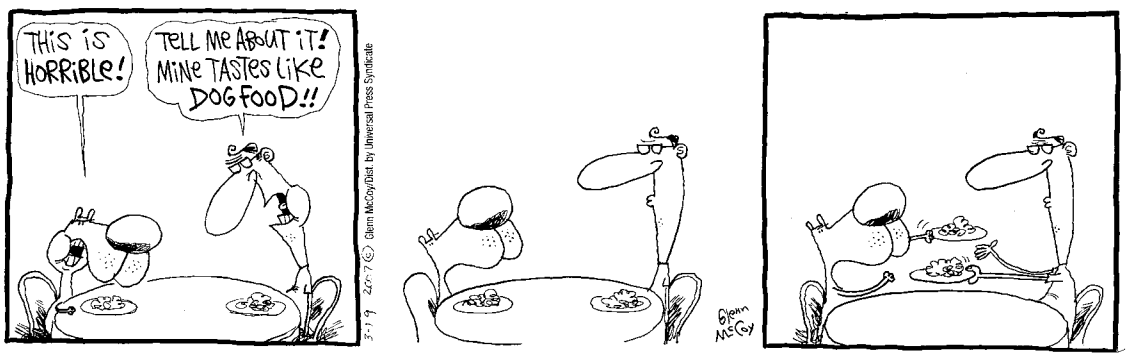
Positive thinking really helps block out reality.

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*

Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll gain great strength through family ties — provided, of course, you don't turn your back on those reaching out to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take advantage of the little things, and you may find that the big things follow close behind. Don't limit yourself at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll enjoy renewed interest in a certain endeavor and you will be able to proceed post-haste toward a newly defined personal goal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can make a major contribution to the well-being of those around you, and it needn't involve a personal sacrifice of any kind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Strive to be less self-indulgent and more service-oriented. What you do for others will come back to you in no time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can gain much at this time from trusting those you are not used to trusting — and allowing yourself to be trusted, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone must make the first move toward an important new agreement — so why not you? The opportunity to do so will arise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can shift your efforts into high gear and ensure lasting progress and financial gains. Share your rewards with others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Understanding and cooperation must not be sacrificed in the name of immediate personal gains. Work together at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Caution is advised wherever large sums of money hang in the balance. It is important for you to understand just what you can and cannot put at risk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Change is certainly in the picture — but how you react to it will make all the difference. Good needn't mean good, nor bad, bad.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your flexibility and willingness to take advice and criticism make you an excellent candidate for lasting benefits.

Letters

Not All Christians the Same

THE ARTICLE ABOUT CHRISTIANS in the fashion industry too readily equates Christianity with godliness ("Modeling Christians," March 14). Diverse spiritual paths can be found in every profession. We should avoid stereotypical judgements about other people's moral choices and recognize that individuals of great religious and moral integrity do not all condemn "partying," or, yes, even sex. Some consider social and sexual expression a great gift from God.

—GREG MARCANGELO
Washington, D.C.

Correction:

An item in Friday's Sports section incorrectly identified Davidson's mascot as the Cougar. The school's mascot is the Wildcat.

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Today in History

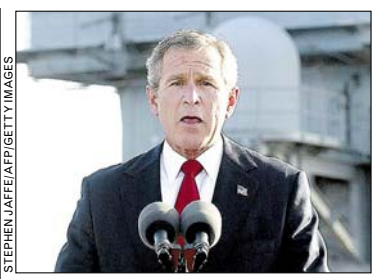
1917 The Supreme Court, in Wilson v. New, upholds the eight-hour workday for railroad workers.

1931 Nevada Gov. Fred B. Balzar signs a measure legalizing casino gambling.

1945 Adolf Hitler issues his so-called "Nero Decree," ordering the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands.

1953 The Academy Awards ceremony is televised for the first time; "The Greatest Show on Earth" is named the best picture of 1952.

2003 President Bush orders the start of war against Iraq. (Because of the time difference, it was early March 20 in Iraq.)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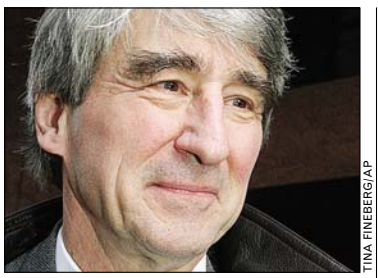
President Bush announced the launch of Operation Iraqi Freedom today in 2003.

LOOK out | People



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Sam smiled benignly upon America.

MASCOTS

Legitimacy = Bushy Brows, Kind Eyes, Careworn Face

SAM WATERSTON is backing a movement aimed at promoting the political center. The star of "Law & Order" has joined Unity '08, a group that would like to send a bipartisan ticket to the White House. "There's a huge majority of the American people who are ready for this," he said. (AP)

LOW DRAMA

No Shivs — Just Bad TV and Tauntingly Beautiful Views

RICHARD HATCH hates prison. "People think I've come to a country club," he tells People magazine. "Just because it's got a beautiful view of the countryside doesn't make it a resort." Hatch also spent six months at a county facility. "We were all in a small room," he recalls. "No doors, no privacy. There were two TVs, so I lived all day long with 'Jerry Springer' blaring." (AP)

KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/AP

MERCY CASTING

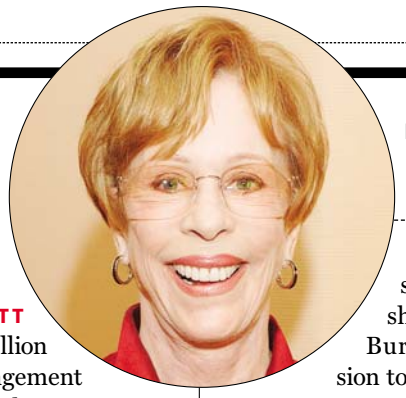
She'll Do It 'Cause She Pities Them

CATE BLANCHETT is in negotiations to star opposite Harrison Ford in the long-awaited fourth installment of the "Indiana Jones" series, her publicist confirmed Saturday. "She is in negotiations, yes," said publicist Lisa Kasteler. She did not elaborate. Filming is scheduled to begin later this year, with Steven Spielberg on board to direct. Blanchett, who won a best supporting actress Oscar in 2004 for "The Aviator," starred in last year's "Notes on a Scandal" and "Babel." (AP)

TIME

17 Seconds Can Get an Emmy Nom. Why Not Sue Over 18?

CAROL BURNETT has filed a $2 million copyright infringement lawsuit against 20th Century Fox, claiming her cleaning-woman character was portrayed on the animated series "Family Guy." The U.S. District Court lawsuit said the Fox show didn't have Burnett's permission to use Charwoman in an April 2006 episode. The studio said it was surprised by the lawsuit over what amounted to about an 18-second scene. (AP)



Flesh-colored glasses: 2007's "it" accessory.

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Nosferatu hated it when his virgin blood was ... wait, that's Larry King!

ALIVE

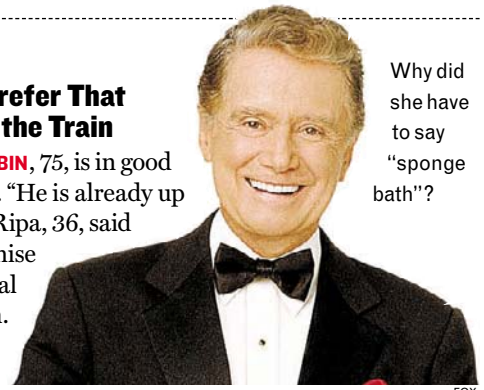
Larry Cleans Out His Arteries Only for Barack

LARRY KING underwent surgery Friday and was expected to return Monday to his CNN talk show. King, 73, had carotid endarterectomy surgery, which removes plaque from the carotid artery. "Larry is doing great and he is excited to be back on the air with an interview with Sen. Barack Obama," said a rep. (AP)

EWWW

Note: Metro Would Prefer That You Not Vomit Inside the Train

Kelly Ripa says **REGIS PHILBIN**, 75, is in good shape after heart surgery. "He is already up joking around," she said. Ripa, 36, said she plans to keep her promise to give Philbin some special attention: a sponge bath. "Nursie-poo is coming with her sponge!" (AP)



FOX

Why did she have to say "sponge bath"?

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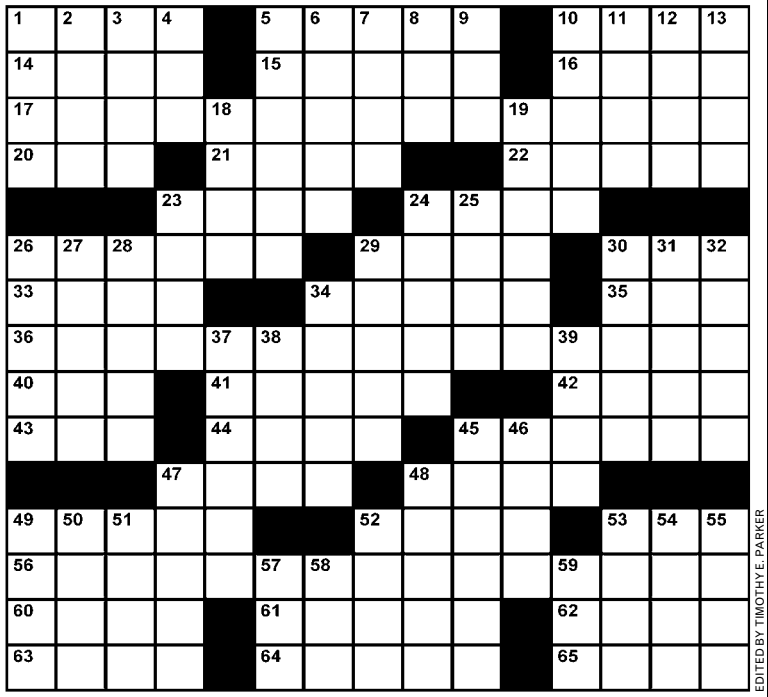

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1 Electronics brand
5 Oahu adieu
10 Sharp pain
14 Melancholy instrument
15 Tend to final details
16 Kind of steak
17 Happy time for landlords
20 Convenience store convenience, perhaps
21 Primitive shelters
22 Minipicture, maybe
23 Stunted
24 He can't bear anyone
26 Support
29 The color of honey
30 Comb maker
33 Bit of evidence
34 DVD player button
35 Pool table success
36 Hinterland, e.g.
40 Half-picas
41 Hovering in the sky
42 Nuclear energy source
43 Firmament
44 Brown alternative
45 Type of bow
47 Top-of-the-line
48 Opposite of flushed
49 Boat on a lake, perhaps
52 Type of cotton
53 It's placed in a setting
56 It comes about every 100 years
60 Caramel-and-chocolate candy brand
61 Testimonial dinner, e.g.
62 Judicial document
63 Jump on the ice
64 Gossipy gal
65 Sound of pain

DOWN
1 Daybed of sorts
2 News item for a scrapbook, briefly
3 100, I.Q.-wise
4 One of two definitive responses
5 Check entry
6 Like some ideas
7 Puts an end to wavering
8 "Say what?"
9 Wild way to go
10 Carry out Old Testament justice, in a way
11 Vintners' vessels
12 Deserve a hand?
13 Thailand money
18 Consequently
19 Fungi caused by moisture
23 Two-colored
24 Organize, as an exhibit
25 Among other things
26 Pinnacles
27 Move stealthily, in a way
28 Producing foamy lather
29 Social blunder
30 Quarterback Favre
31 Transnational money units
32 Kind of aircraft
34 British city on the English Channel
37 Unemploy temporarily
38 Distinctive flair
39 Fabled underachiever
45 Word with ready or shy
46 ___ Bator, Mongolia
47 "___ and his money ..."
48 Embroidered loop
49 Title word in a Doris Day song
50 Fort with a fortune
51 Like some rumors
52 Teller's partner
53 Maven
54 Norwegian navigator
55 Legend
57 "___ will be done"
58 Farmer's tool
59 Binary base

Friday's Solution

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Robert Hein and Deborah Fenwick

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Landover, MD
March 24th
Courtyard New Carrollton Landover
8330 Corporate Dr.

Rockville, MD
March 27th
Rockville Presbyterian Church
215 W. Montgomery Ave.

Vienna, VA
March 28th
April 16th
Residence Inn
8400 Old Courthouse Rd.

Chevy Chase, MD
March 29th
Chevy Chase Athletic Club
5454 Wisconsin Ave.

Springfield, VA
March 30th
Comfort Inn
6560 Loisdale Ct.

Bethesda, MD
March 31st
Ayrlawn YMCA
5650 Oakmont Ave.

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April 2nd
Trinity United Methodist Church
1205 Dolley Madison Blvd.

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April 3rd
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5821 Richmond Hwy.

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April 4th
Marriott Hotel
5151 Pooks Hill Rd.

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April 6th
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12000 Plum Orchard Dr.

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1778 Fountain Drive

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